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THE OLD AND THE NEW.

On Monday last at noon the county officials whose terms had expired, vacated their offices, and the newly elected ones took possession. William H. Henrie succeeds himself as Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts. He has made an efficient and obliging official, and has been ably assisted by his deputy, R. Rush Zarr, who continues to act in that capacity.

William Krickbaum and Nehemiah Kitchen enter upon another term as county commissioners. Their retention in office a second term seems to evidence the fact that the people were satisfied with their performance of their duties, and have therefore returned them for a second term. Each one had a factional fight in his own party to contend with, but both got through with good majorities.

John N. Gordon retires from the commissioners' office after three years' service. He was attentive to his official duties, courteous to all, and did what he conscientiously believed to be right. He failed to secure a nomination for a second term, and then made a mistake by running as an independent candidate, and was, of course, defeated.

William H. Fisher, the newly elected Democratic commissioner, is a man of excellent reputation, and is, we believe, well fitted for the office. He is bound by no factional party ties, and as he was elected by the whole party, he will, no doubt, hold himself aloof from all factional alliances, and do all in his power to serve all the people to the best of his ability, without fear or favor.

C. B. Ent, who has completed two terms as Register and Recorder, gives place to John C. Rutter Jr. Mr. Ent has filled his office carefully, and creditably. He goes out of it with many friends, and some enemies, the latter being the result of impetuosity mostly. He is a man of positive and aggressive character, and while ever ready to serve his friends, he is quick to resent what he feels to be a wrong against himself. We wish him success in whatever business he may decide to follow.

John C. Rutter Jr., the new incumbent of the Register and Recorder's office, scarcely needs an introduction in this county. He is a son of Dr. J. C. Rutter, of Bloomsburg. He learned the printing trade in the COLUMBIAN office, and has followed that business ever since. For the past thirteen years he has been connected with the *Sentinel*, and has been manager of the *Daily* from its start, until last year, when he resigned to devote his time to his canvass for office. He has ability, and is always courteous, gentlemanly, and obliging, and will make a popular official. He has appointed his sister, Miss Margaret Rutter, as his deputy. C. H. Campbell, ex-Register and Recorder, is assisting for the present.

Geo. S. Fleckenstine, county treasurer, has made one of the best officials in that position that this county ever had. He is an energetic and enterprising business man, a thorough accountant, and has attended to the duties of his office entirely himself. He is independent and conscientious, and did things his own way in his office, without taking orders from any one, and he was generally right. He will devote his time now to his large mercantile trade at Orangeville.

Jeremiah Snyder, the new treasurer, has appointed C. A. Kleim of Bloomsburg, as his deputy. The books have not been handed over to them yet, as it always takes several days for the outgoing official to get his accounts closed up.

The county commissioners have elected Robert Vanderslice as their clerk. He has held the position during the past year.

While descending a hill near Millville, Monday afternoon, E. E. Smith, manager for Flynn & Phillips, music dealers, was run into by another man, whose team had become unmanageable. Smith's wagon was knocked to one side of the road, and he was hurled several feet through the air, but as luck had it, alighted without injury to himself, and his situation was more ludicrous than serious. The horses fell down, and the harness became so entangled that Mr. Smith was compelled to cut it all to pieces in order to liberate them. The other man, whose team had caused the wreck, succeeded in stopping the horses, after they had run about a mile. He returned to the scene and sympathized with Mr. Smith, but said nothing about settling for the damage for which he was directly responsible.

REPORT OF THE HENRY CARR FAMILY.

To satisfy the public inquiry, and to correct the false report that has been circulated, concerning the Henry J. Carr family who reside on the H. G. Supplee farm near Jerseytown, the following account is given out for publication:

The sixteen year old daughter had not been well for two days previous to December 6th, and on the evening of this day retired with her mother. Becoming restless during the night, and trying to change her position, found she was unable to do so. She awoke her mother, who discovered that her daughter's lower limbs were paralyzed. About ten o'clock December 7th, I was sent for to visit the patient, and found all power of motion lost in the lower extremities. On the following day about noon, I made my second visit, and found that the paralysis had extended up the cord involving the abdominal muscles, the arms, and partially the respiratory muscles. At this time I diagnosed the case Myelitis. Dr. Poust of Millville, was summoned at my request in consultation, who confirmed the preceding diagnosis. The cause of the disease we were unable to discover at this time, but were of the opinion that it was due to some toxic poison. The case grew gradually worse, and died at four p. m. of the same day.

December 14th, I was summoned to see the youngest son, a boy of about seven, and found the same symptoms that existed in the former case preceding the paralysis. Within forty-eight hours the boy began to lose the power of motion in his lower limbs. The paralysis gradually continued, until the abdominal and lumbar muscles were involved. The case remained in this condition about one week, and then gradually improved, until now he has partially recovered the use of the afflicted muscles. According to the present symptoms the boy will fully recover.

On the night of the 16th the oldest boy became ill, and on making my daily morning visit, found him complaining with the same symptoms as the two preceding cases. On the evening of the same day, Dr. Poust accompanied me to see the patient, and we diagnosed it the same as the preceding cases, namely Myelitis. On the evening of the 18th, motor paralysis began to exist in the lower limbs, and gradually extended until all the muscles were affected, except those of the left hand. During this time I made a close study of the food, drinking water, and drainage, but was unable to discover the suspected cause of the disease.

At this time the neighbors, and not the family, fearing an epidemic of some contagious disease, summoned a physician from Bloomsburg, who came there in my absence and pronounced the case Spotted Fever.

Through the kindness of Mr. H. G. Supplee, and interest in the family, Dr. D. W. Mears of Scranton, was summoned, who examined the case, without any knowledge of the diagnosis of the preceding physicians, and came to the decision that it was Myelitis. The cause, however, he was unable to determine, but supposed it due to some poison. He was then informed that it had been pronounced a case of Spotted Fever.

Since the death of the oldest boy, I have learned that while making apple butter, the spider, (an iron frame on which the kettle rested), gave away, and the cider was permitted to stand some time in a copper kettle before the boiling was resumed. My supposition is that the disease has been caused by chronic copper poison. The apple butter will be tested by a chemist of the University of Pennsylvania, and also one of Dickinson College, to ascertain the chemical ingredients. The reports of the chemists will be published if desired.

DR. J. E. SHUMAN.

ORGAN RECITAL.

The organ recital at St. Paul's church on Tuesday evening next, January 9th, should be heard by every lover of good music in Bloomsburg. It will be the best ever given here, and will cost only a silver piece at the door, ten cents, or as much more as any one may please to give. Will you come?

Commissioner Appointments.

The County Commissioners have made the following appointments: Clerk, Robert F. Vanderslice; Solicitor, B. F. Zarr; Jail Physician, Dr. J. S. John; Jail Janitor, John Taylor.

PROGRAM FOR ORGAN RECITAL.

The following program will be rendered at the organ recital by Mr. Edgar L. Fulmer, in St. Paul's church, on Tuesday evening next:

Toccata and Fugue in D minor, *Bach* (Book 4, No. 4, Peter's Edition.)
Larghetto, } Second Sonata,
Allegro Vivace, } *Capocci*
Pilgrim's Chorus from "Tannhauser,"
Wagner-Warren

Solo.
Offertoire de St. Cecilia op. 8, *Batiste*
Berceuse, *Delbruck*
Intermezzo, *Callerts*
Variations on an American Air, *Flagler*

Solo.
Allegro-Fanfare, *Collin*
Gavotte from "Mignon" *Thomas*
Finale and Symphony, *Stider*

Bonds and Bondsmen of New County Officials.

Following are the amounts of the bonds of the several new county officials and their sureties:

John C. Rutter, Jr., Register and Recorder, Bonds \$46000. Bondsmen: William Krickbaum, G. M. Lockard, J. C. Rutter.

Jeremiah Snyder, Treasurer, Bond \$15,000. Bondsmen: C. A. Kleim, Wellington Yeager, William Adams, S. R. Carl, David Beaver, William Krickbaum, E. C. Yeager.

William H. Henrie, Prothonotary Bond \$17,000. Bondsmen, B. F. Zarr, W. H. Rhawn, J. K. Sharpless, S. B. Rhawn, D. B. Kistler.

William Krickbaum, County Commissioner, Bond \$2,000. Bondsmen, C. A. Kleim, B. F. Zarr.

William H. Fisher, County Commissioner, Bond \$2,000. Bondsmen, Charles F. John, D. B. Fetterolf.

Nehemiah Kitchen, County Commissioner, Bond \$2,000. Bondsmen, Joseph W. Reese, Peter Hayman.

Found Dead in Bed.

Franklin Taylor, aged nearly seventy-six years, a highly respected resident of this town, was found dead in bed, at his home, on East Fourth street, Saturday morning. Mr. Taylor had not been sick previous to Friday night, but a short time before retiring he complained of feeling chilly. Nothing was thought of it, however, until Saturday morning about six o'clock, when his son, on entering the room, found the aged man cold in death. Mr. Taylor, for a man of his age, was well preserved, scarcely a gray hair being noticeable in his head. For many years past he was the janitor of the Fifth street public school building. He is survived by a wife and four sons, all residents of this town, namely: William B., Charles K., Harry and John. The funeral occurred on Tuesday afternoon, services being conducted by Revs. McLinn and Conner.

Struck by a Train.

While hauling ice at Chillisquaque, about three miles east of Lewisburg, Tuesday, Samuel Whitmyer, Fremont Wolfe and William Wensel, were killed by a train, and Harvey Wensel had a narrow escape. They drove on the track when the Niagara express came along and struck them. Harvey Wensel jumped and escaped uninjured. Whitmyer and Wolfe were killed instantly, and William Wensel lived only a short time. Wensel is survived by a wife and two children, and Whitmyer by a wife and seven children. Wolfe was 18 years of age. Both horses were killed and the wagon knocked to splinters.

Eight members of the Bloomsburg Gun Club conducted a shoot at live birds, out near Oak Grove, Monday afternoon. The strong wind prevented good records. Ed Boone and V. B. Moyer gave the best account of themselves, each killing ten out of twelve. Will Dentler's aim was the most deficient, he allowing nine to get away from him.

Hotel For Rent.

The Park Hotel, at Towanda, Pa., is for rent. Possession given April 1st, 1900. Located in the heart of the town, opposite Court House. For terms, apply to Geo. E. Elwell, Bloomsburg, Pa., or E. W. Elwell, Towanda, Pa.

For Rent.

Proctor Inn, well furnished, from Feb. 1st 1900. Rent cheap. Apply to G. E. Elwell or A. L. Fritz, Bloomsburg, Pa.

Y. M. C. A. OPENING.

New Year's Day, always bright and cheerful with the joyous wishes of friends for a Happy New Year, was an especially bright one for the Y. M. C. A. of our town, because the Association moved into their new quarters, the Neal building, on Market square.

This very suitable and desirable house was secured through the efforts of our General Secretary, Mr. C. D. Lynn, and his fellow workers, and formally opened and dedicated to its new use on the afternoon and evening of January 1st, 1900. Open house was kept from 1 to 4:30 p. m., and at 8 p. m. a very successful program was rendered, which we subjoin.

There was a very encouraging attendance throughout the day, and in the evening the audience filled all the rooms and gave excellent attention to all that was said and done. It was something new in Bloomsburg and a most auspicious beginning for what, we trust, shall be a departure in association work, and Christian hearts are being lifted to God, that He may accept and use this home for His glory in the general good and the salvation, moral and spiritual improvement of young men. We bespeak for these pleasant, attractive rooms, a growing attendance, and for the work of the association, willing hearts and hands as helpers.

Following is the program:

PROGRAM.
Opening Hymn.....Y. M. C. A. Choir
Scripture Reading.....Rev. M. E. McLinn
Prayer.....Rev. J. D. Smith
Hymn.....Y. M. C. A. Choir
Address of Welcome.....F. N. Turner
Vocal Solo.....Miss Albert
Song.....Choir
Piano Duet.....Misses Cope and Hicks
Reading.....Miss Sarah Earnest
Vocal Solo.....Mr. Chas. Skeer
Violin Solo.....Mr. Chas. Breen
Vocal Solo.....Miss Cape
Address—"Relation of the Y. M. C. A. to Bloomsburg, from a Business Standpoint".....Mr. H. V. White
Address—"Why Does Bloomsburg Need a Y. M. C. A.?".....Dr. Andrew Graydon
Song.....Choir

Dr. Graydon and Mr. White strongly set forth their peculiar phases of the work. Miss Sara Earnest reached the hearts of all by her rendering of an original poem. The musical numbers were all delightfully rendered, much to the pleasure and edification of the large audience in attendance. The Ladies' Auxiliary closed the exercises with a capital lunch, and all departed glad of heart and satisfied in body and mind.

The address of welcome, by Mr. F. N. Turner, ably touched the work at every point, and was a faithful presentation of its needs and its triumphs.

MR. TURNER'S ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—Your presence on this glad occasion may be taken as a sure evidence of your kindly feeling for our Y. M. C. A. I may safely call you friends. If any one here cares to repudiate the mark of friendship, let him not do it now, nor here; let him wait for a more convenient season. For what I have to say is for a friend or foe alike. I have said our Y. M. C. A., because it belongs to any and to all who wish to have a part in its work and welfare. This occasion is unique. In our town there has never before been one like it. It is a fitting occasion for a New Year's Day, for as it opens the door for the incoming of new things, of untried experiences, and for the unfolding of new promises, so it closes the door upon the old days, the old trial, or joys, the broken promises, the unkept vows, the forgotten favors, and the neglected opportunity of all our yesterdays. Because, therefore, the occasion is so auspicious, it is a great privilege and pleasure to bid you welcome to all there is in this unique home. Never before have we, as townsmen, been invited to come together in a gathering like this. A set hour, in which, with fitting ceremony, we thus formally open, to the use of the public, a house for our Y. M. C. A., a home, a central resting place of its very own, a point around which shall cluster and crystallize into forms of power, all the vital interests of the Association, and out from the very heart of which shall radiate those forceful influences, that under God's guidance, mould the physical, mental and moral life of our own sons, and the sons of other men, kinsman, or stranger alike.

This old homestead, in the spacious halls and apartments of which still linger the fragrance of precious memories to many of you—memories of the Christ-loving dead.

This old home will still continue to send out its beneficences, and as a new home, carry on the fuller fruition, the deeds of Christian love and devotion; charity such as filled the heart

BEN. GIDDING.

"To dress well is a duty every man owes to himself, to his friends and to the world at large."

ULSTERS

A MAN who gets into one of these warm, generous, comfortable ulsters can laugh at the cold weather.

They are made of Irish frieze, thick Kersey, Beaver, Shetland or Montagnac with leather-cloth lining and deep storm collar. Like all HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX

garments they are tailor-made, the materials are so good and so well put together the ulsters will last for years.

HART, SCHAFFNER & MARX



TAILOR-MADE CLOTHES.



BEN. GIDDING,
The White Front,
BLOOMSBURG, PENNA.

and the hands of her whose name is beloved by scores of those who have fallen under the blessed influence of the gentle, generous, consecrated life of Mrs. Neal.

It will not be taken as invidious, or out of place if a cordial welcome first be extended to the association itself. Brethren, welcome home. No one knows better what this means than does our faithful, earnest, courteous and Christian General Secretary, so that to you my friend and brother this home is big with promises and upon your work toward this home is stamped the seal of success. Standing close in sympathy with the association, you will find the pastors in the several churches. Men of God, willing to speak for Him, and to tell the old sweet story of His wonderful love made manifest in the gospel of His dear son. To these men, to these co-laborers we say to-day, brethren, you are sincerely welcome. Carrying the burden of the management and control of the Y. M. C. A., comes to us to-day our board of directors. I know whereof I speak, that upon you falls the care and fret of the association's temporal life. A position, honorable, yet often thankless; demanding business acumen and keen foresight and patience not a little. With these men we find also our board of trustees. As we welcome these boards, we say, take this home, care for it, protect it, use it for the betterment of your fellow men, and the rich rewards that accrue to him who is faithful, will come to you.

Besides the several boards, we open the doors to the various committees, to the rank and file of members, active and associate. Enter through these doors, my fellows, make them the openings into larger things for the association, and for yourselves. Welcome all, to these glad, new things.

Coming more into prominence is our Junior department—our good Secretary is a friend of the boys. For their use and special comfort and pleasure, we have set apart a room as a headquarters for the Boy's Brigade.

It will be furnished for the boys and supplied with special literature and games as best suit the boys. The officers of the Brigade will use it as Central Quarters in carrying forward their work. Boys, as you receive your welcome to your own headquarters, show, hereafter, the respect and gentlemanly behavior always belonging to a genuine soldier. Boys

of the Brigade, sons of our homes, the men of to-morrow, welcome.

If possible, we would indelibly impress upon the mind and memory of every business man, no matter what his business or work may be, this fact. Men of Bloomsburg, men from anywhere, this association and its building is for your use. For you there is a place provided where you can make appointments on business matters, make a personal convenience of it. Come here to read, to rest. Take all the Young Men's Christian Association has to offer, of temporal and spiritual good, and if you have heretofore been a foe, have been out of manly sympathy with our work, we nevertheless welcome you heartily, believing that you will bury personal dislikes, or fancied wrongs and take a strong grip on the association's work, as you bring yourself into closer touch with the true spirit of Christian manhood. And now there remains to be spoken a glad welcome to what is to us, one of the most effective, and helpful, and best of friends, the Ladies' Auxiliary.

To you christian women of our churches we say thrice welcome, and God bless you. It needs no fulsome praise to sing of your worth to the association. Coupled to your unswerving faith you have shown by your works, your devotion to every duty, as you have given your time, your skill, your means, to the cause of Christ and young men; and we join all departments of our association and shout in full diapason, one grand chorus welcome, and again welcome, members of our Ladies' Auxiliary.

What the Y. M. C. A. sets out to do most earnestly, is to save young men, to raise the fallen image of God to its true place in life, to help the stranger, to feed the hungry, to snatch from those jaws of Hell—the heaven cursed saloon—our foolish, thoughtless yet noble and hopeful young men. For you, young men, these rooms will be kept open day and night, they will be warm, cheery and bright. For you stranger, a welcome awaits, for your homeless ones, homelike comforts are prepared, for all alike rich or poor, learned or ignorant, for christian men and for those upon whose lives have fallen the blackening curse of an awful sin, for all such there is a christian welcome. My friends, may there not enter into the harmony of this work, a single discordant note to spoil its heavenly beauty.

CHEER FOR BRITONS.

Colonial Troops Distinguish Themselves in Battle.

CONFIRMATION OF FRENCH'S VICTORY

Butler's Army in Fine Form and Confident of Future Success—The Cabinet to Spend Five Million Pounds For National Defense.

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The morning papers are unanimous in praising the gallantry of the Canadian and colonial troops. The Times says:

"The mother country will share with the Canadians and Australians in the pride and gratification they must feel at the fine qualities displayed by their troops in this dashing little engagement."

The Standard says:

"The Canadians and Australians had been spoiling for a fight. Now they have had their opportunity, and they have greatly distinguished themselves by their coolness and discipline. From the viewpoint of imperial unity the little fight may fairly be described as one of the most gratifying events recorded in the history of the British race."

Although the continuance of minor successes gratifies the British public, it is not forgotten that the larger aspects of the campaign are unchanged. As The Daily News remarks, "It is a day of small mercies."

The importance of both General French's and Colonel Pilcher's victories lies in the effect they are likely to have upon the colonial Dutch. The latest dispatch from Douglas confirms the earlier report that the Boer leaders consisted chiefly of British subjects who, on the arrival of the small Free State command, accepted probably an invitation to throw in their lot with the Boers.

Colonel Pilcher reports, through the officer commanding at the Orange river: "I have completely defeated a hostile command at the Sunnyside laager this day, Jan. 1, taking the laager and 40 prisoners besides the killed and wounded. Our casualties are two privates killed and Lieutenant Adie wounded. Am encamped at Dover farm, 20 miles northwest of Belmont and ten miles from Sunnyside."

The Daily Mail has the following dispatch, dated Jan. 1, from Rensburg: "Yesterday afternoon a big force of cavalry and infantry, with ten guns, under the personal command of General French, moving by detour, occupied some hills three miles from Colesburg, where the Boers were in strength, confident in the natural aid afforded them by the hills around."

"The enemy's position extended six miles around the entire village. At daybreak our artillery opened the battle. The Boers were taken by surprise, but replied vigorously. An artillery duel was maintained for two hours. Then a Boer Hotchkiss collapsed and was abandoned. We captured it. A Boer big gun was silenced, but this and the other Boer guns were withdrawn to the northward, whither we are harassing the Boer retreat by a damaging shell fire."

"Colesburg is in our hands, and the few remaining loyalists are jubilant. We have captured many wagons and a considerable quantity of stores."

"Our losses were quite slight, but the Boers must have suffered heavily. They may stop at Ahtertang or cross the river altogether at Norval's Pont, where the bridge is still intact."

The Daily Mail makes the following statement this morning:

"We understand that the defense committee of the cabinet, after careful consideration of the question of the defense of the empire, particularly with regard to artillery, will shortly call for the expenditure of £5,000,000 to make good deficiencies and to place the nation on a par with other great powers."

"The new equipment will be provided as speedily as possible, and, while sufficiently mobile for use in the field, it is intended to be adaptable to the necessities of what are known as guns of position."

The queen has accepted the services of 12 battalions of militia for foreign stations. Seven of these are assigned to South Africa.

The Earl of Albemarle will command the City of London infantry division instead of Colonel Sir Charles Howard Vincent.

PILCHER'S RAID.
Brilliant Cavalry Skirmish by Colonial Troops.
BELMONT, Cape Colony, Jan. 3.—Another dispatch from Dover farm, dated Jan. 1, says:

"The colonial troops, who have been long to be allowed to meet the Boers, have at last been given an opportunity to do so and scored a brilliant success. The raid conducted by Colonel Pilcher was very difficult owing to the fact that the movements of the troops were immediately communicated to the Boers by natives. In order to prevent this Colonel Pilcher in making his forced march from Belmont left a British trooper at every farmhouse with instructions not to allow the natives to leave their huts, the patrols calling the names of the natives hourly in order to prevent their escape."

In the maneuver at Cook's farm Colonel Pilcher sent mounted patrols east. One of these, consisting of four men commanded by Lieutenant Adie, suddenly encountered 14 Boers, who opened fire. The lieutenant was severely wounded, and Private Butler gave up his horse in order to carry the lieutenant out of range. Meanwhile Lieutenant Ryan, who had worked magnificently, reported that the veldt on the right of the enemy was clear, whereupon Major de Rougemont ordered the guns to a trot. They arrived within 1,500 yards of the laager, unlimbered and planted five shells in as many minutes within the laager.

Immediately the enemy could be seen streaming over the kopje. They were completely surprised, but quickly opened a well directed fire.

A press representative had the privilege of carrying an order to the Toronto company to double quick into action. The order was received with great satisfaction. The company rushed forward until within a thousand yards of the enemy's position, when it opened a hot fire upon the kopje and completely subdued the Boer fire.

The Boers lost 6 killed and 12 wounded. The Toronto stood the galling fire with admirable patience, never wasting a shot.

Borned While Playing Santa Claus.
MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Jan. 3.—While distributing gifts in the garb of Santa Claus, Frank Tuthill's false beard caught fire, and he was severely burned.

GREAT CANAL OPEN.

The Chicago Drainage Ditch Flooded With Water.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—The \$33,000,000 canal, at present used for sewage disposal, but ultimately to be a ship canal also, is in use after seven years of hard work by the trustees of the sanitary district, which is the name of a corporation including the larger part of the city of Chicago and many of its suburbs. At least the Chicago end of it is in use, but the water has not yet reached the other end, at Lockport, Ill., and will not reach it for several days.

Probably never before has the completion of a public work of such magnitude been marked with such absolute lack of ceremony. There were no speeches, no exercises and no cheering. About 8 a. m. the sanitary district trustees and engineer gathered at the scene. Besides a few workmen, there were not a dozen spectators present. There was no grand rush of water, to be followed by the cheers of spectators. Indeed, the opening of the canal resembled more the tiny stream of water that flowed over the Holland dike and grew larger and larger until it swept a great hole in the wall of earth. That is the way the great canal opened. This method was used to avoid the danger of a sudden rush of waters, but it robbed the opening of all impressiveness.

The canal had been built to carry 300,000 cubic feet a minute, but only about 50,000 feet a minute will be admitted until the channel is full.

NIXON FOR SPEAKER.

New York Legislature Chooses Its Officers.

ALBANY, Jan. 3.—The Republican assembly caucus last night was presided over by James T. Rogers of Broome. The following nominations, all of which were confirmed by election today, were made:

Speaker, S. Fred Nixon of Chautauque; clerk, A. E. Baxter of Chemung; principal doorkeeper, Thomas F. Murphy of New York city; first assistant doorkeeper, Charles R. Houghtaling of Albany; second assistant doorkeeper, Roswell B. Warren of Washington; stenographer, H. C. Lammert of Kings.

The Democratic caucus of assemblymen made the following nominations: Speaker, J. Franklin Barnes of Schuyler; sergeant-at-arms, Jeremiah Burns of New York; clerk, William Leonard of New York; doorkeeper, Thomas J. Barry of New York; first assistant doorkeeper, Henry Christie of Rockland; second assistant doorkeeper, Dennis McTighe of Erie; stenographer, Caleb Redfern of New York.

Thick Ice in the Hudson.
RHINECLIFF, N. Y., Jan. 3.—The cold wave which entered the Hudson valley a week ago still holds sway. The ice in the river opposite this place is from five to six inches thick and of a fine quality. The Consumers' Ice company and the many private concerns along the upper Hudson are preparing to commence operations. It is estimated that nearly one-third of the ice stored last winter still remains in the houses. Iceboats have made their appearance. Several owners of yachts are out with their boats enjoying the sport.

Pingree's Measure Killed.
LANSING, Mich., Dec. 29.—The senate has killed the Pingree joint resolution for the submission of a constitutional amendment permitting amending of the state law, which had been passed by the house, by a vote of 16 to 13. The senate adopted a resolution to adjourn today at noon. The large number of votes against the proposition was a surprise.

More Depositories Named.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The secretary of the treasury has designated several additional national banks as government depositories to receive internal revenue receipts and, it is said, will continue to do so until the total sum so deposited amounts to \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000.

New Austrian Currency Laws.
VIENNA, Jan. 2.—Under the new currency laws which are now in force throughout Austria-Hungary the florin and kreuzer disappear. The new unit is the krone, equaling half a kreuzer. After the introduction of the gold standard the krone will be worth 1 franc 5 centimes.

Chicago Poor Well Fed.
CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—More than 10,000 of the poor people of Chicago enjoyed yesterday the fourth annual dinner given by the Volunteers of America. After this multitude had been fed there remained enough food to supply 400 poor families for several days.

Mr. Boutelle's Condition.
BANGOR, Me., Jan. 1.—A letter has been received from the physicians who are treating Congressman Boutelle in Boston stating that his symptoms already show improvement, and therefore there is strong hope of his complete recovery in the near future.

Famous Old Church Reopened.
BOSTON, Jan. 2.—That famous old structure, the old South Meeting House, has been reopened after undergoing extensive interior changes which the hand of time had made necessary. The changes and finish give the several rooms a modern aspect.

New York Markets.
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—FLOUR—State and western quiet, but a little better in tone. Winter patents, \$3.55a3.75; winter straights, \$3.35a3.45; Minnesota patents, \$3.90a4.05; winter extras, \$2.55a2.90.

WHEAT—No. 2 red opened firm on cables and was further advanced on prospect of a visible supply decrease and light offerings; March, 76a76½c; May, 75½a75¾c; July, 75a75½c.

RYE—Steady; state, 56c; No. 2 western, 60c; c. i. f., Buffalo, 61a61½c.

CORN—No. 2 was quiet, but firmer, with wheat and on cables.

OATS—No. 2 slow; track, white, state, 31a31½c; track, white, western, 31a31½c.

PORK—Steady; mess, 10a10.50; family, 12a12.50.

LARD—Strong; prime western steam, 16½c, nominal.

BUTTER—Strong; state dairy, 23a27c; state creamery, 23a29c.

CHEESE—Firm; fall made, fancy, small, 12a13a13½c; fall made, fancy, large, 12a12½c.

EGGS—Firm; state and Pennsylvania, 24a26c; western, ungraded, at mark, 15a22c.

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THOSE CAPTIVE SHIPS

British Right of Seizure Not Admitted.

OUR GOVERNMENT AWAITS FACTS.

Department Is Acting Firmly in the Delicate Affair and Will Protect the Rights of American Trade.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The state department has received from United States Ambassador Choate at London by cable a statement of the facts he had developed in connection with the seizure by British warships of American goods on the three merchant vessels, Beatrice, Mashona and Maria. The goods comprised not only flour, but miscellaneous articles of common trade, and while they were shipped for Lourenco Marques in British and German ships yet the contention of our officials is that they were not subject to seizure. They could not lodge representations on the subject until they were possessed of a knowledge of the facts, but as soon as Mr. Choate's statement came to hand an instruction was called to him to inform the British government that we could not admit the right of seizure in these cases.

This is the preliminary step usually taken in such negotiations. Next in order will be a report from our consular representative at Lourenco Marques respecting the present condition of the seized or detained goods and damage sustained. The department is not yet fully informed on these points, though that will be necessary to the further presentation of the cases. It is not even known just where the goods are or if they have all been seized or only in part.

It will be the duty of our consular agent at Lourenco Marques to ascertain and report these facts, and he is now engaged in doing this under the original instructions of the state department.

While the department is acting, as it promised in the beginning, to firmly protect all American rights of trade, it is showing no unseemly haste in the presentation of the case. The instruction to Mr. Choate was not a demand for the release of the goods nor yet for indemnity, but rather a precautionary notice to the British government to save all of our rights in the case. It will be sufficient to inaugurate the settlement of the matter by negotiation, and the state department has not the slightest doubt that the British authorities will make full amends to the owners of the goods when the facts are all laid before it.

Public Debt Decreases.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The monthly statement of the public debt shows that at the close of business Dec. 30 the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,134,300,007, a decrease for the month of \$5,791,824. This decrease is largely accounted for by the purchase of bonds during the month. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest bearing debt, \$1,026,772,320; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$1,208,500; debt bearing no interest, \$880,914,649; total, \$1,417,894,469. This amount, however, does not include \$685,970,403 in certificates and treasury notes outstanding, which are offset by an equal amount of cash on hand.

Western New York Snow Bound.
DUNKIRK, N. Y., Jan. 3.—A fearful blizzard is raging in Chautauque county. No trains have reached Dunkirk on the Western New York and Pennsylvania road, as the drifts between Mayville and Silver Creek are ten feet deep. Trains of the Nickel Plate road are using the tracks of the Lake Shore between Brockton and Buffalo. Lake Shore trains are getting through, but are late about two hours. Traffic over several stage routes is blocked. In many places the snow is six feet deep on a level.

Destroying Mint Dies.
PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 3.—The work of demolishing the steel dies that coined the output of the United States mints during 1899 has been commenced in the blacksmith shop of the mint here. Exactly 1,070 dies representing the money coined in this city were destroyed. The dies used at the New Orleans mint will also be rendered useless. Those from San Francisco have not yet arrived. Every die used by the United States mints is engraved and destroyed in this city.

Cooper Union Gets Half a Million.
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Andrew Carnegie has given \$200,000 toward the endowment of a mechanic arts day school in the Cooper Union. To this gift Abram S. Hewitt and Edward Cooper of the board of trustees of the Cooper Union have added \$200,000. The total sum of \$500,000 will enable the trustees to put in running order a day school in addition to the night schools of mechanic arts which have been conducted for many years.

Railway Men Get Increase.
BALTIMORE, Jan. 2.—Employees of the Western Maryland railroad received an acceptable New Year's gift in the shape of a 5 per cent increase in wages. In 1893, owing to the then financial depression, wages were reduced 10 per cent, with the promise that they should be restored as soon as financial conditions warranted. Early in 1898 one-half the cut was restored, and yesterday they were put back to the original schedule.

Church Destroyed by Fire.
STROMSBURG, Neb., Jan. 2.—Eden Baptist church was totally destroyed by fire early Monday morning and two people seriously injured. The fire was caused by an explosion of acetylene gas, with which the church was lighted. A New Year's watch meeting was being held, and a large number of people were present, but most of them had just left the building when the explosion occurred.

Roosevelt Names Judges.
ALBANY, Jan. 2.—Governor Roosevelt has appointed Justice E. M. Cullen of Brooklyn, Justice Judson S. Landon of Schenectady and Justice William E. Werner of Rochester to be judges of the court of appeals under the new law passed for the relief of that court. The court of appeals, through Judge Parker, asked for three additional judges.

The Mississippi Frozen Over.
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 2.—For the first time in many years the Mississippi river is frozen over here. Steady cold weather for a week or more has formed ice that resists the river boats. As a result no boats are arriving or departing, and the ferries have been compelled to tie up.

CONTRACTION OF CURRENCY.

Some of the Evil Results Certain to Follow the Proposed Currency Law.

If we were to think of political effects only we would feel like praying that the proposed currency bill might pass and become a law without delay, and we might add to that prayer the request that it might become a law by the solid vote of the Republican membership and that no Democratic ballot would be cast in its favor.

There can be no doubt about what the ultimate results of the passage of this proposed measure must be. Any legislation that shortens the supply of money among the people; that lessens the circulating currency or that adds to the difficulties of obtaining a medium of exchange, must bring disaster to business and distress to the people. These will bring dismay and defeat to the party responsible for that legislation, and it is because we hope and pray for that defeat that we would, if political results alone were looked to, hope for the speedy passage of the bill just as it has been presented.

That its enactment into law will lessen the amount of money there will be to do business with its warmest advocates admit. Is there a man in the country, no matter how little thought he gives to financial affairs, who does not realize that to lessen the supply of money is to cripple business, decrease values, destroy confidence and insure panics? Are these what we want?

And then as to a legal tender. The proposed bill makes no provision for this. At present greenbacks are the only legal tender we have excepting gold. These, under the provisions of the law about to be enacted, are to be redeemed and retired. When they are retired how in the name of all that is fair to business, or just to the people, are men to pay their debts? When greenbacks are not to be had the creditor will demand gold, and where is that to come from?

Today, with all the greenbacks that are in circulation and all the gold that is held by individuals and banks, there is not enough in any community to pay the one-fourth of the debts within it. When one-half of this is retired and the demand is made for gold alone to liquidate these debts can any one point to where it can be had without paying an enormous premium for it?

And it is to make a premium on gold that the effort to change the currency laws of the country is now being made—to enhance its value and benefit the few who can own and control it. The real effects of such legislation may not be felt at once, but they are as sure to come as the sun is to shine on a cloudy day or the waters are to continue to run down hill. When they do come they will be the beginning of the end of the party that was responsible for them. Mark the prediction.—Bellefonte Watchman.

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WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent.
Washington, Jan. 1, 1900.

Senator Cockrell, the leading Democratic member of the Senate Committee on Military affairs, is strongly opposed to the Republican-imperialistic, in reality—plan for a large standing army, and intends to fight it every time it shows its head. He said on the subject: "The army establishment is provided for until July 1, 1901, and there is no necessity for legislation at this session on the subject. This gives us a year and a half to consider the matter and decide what had best be done. I am in favor of slightly increasing the artillery arm of the service, to take care of our sea coast fortifications, but I do not think there is now, or will be in the near future, any occasion for a permanent increase in the number of infantry or cavalry regiments above that which has been provided for by law for a number of years." The Republicans are too shrewd to make any move toward legislation for a large standing army until after the Presidential election, but there isn't the slightest doubt that they intend doing so at next winter's session of Congress.

There is reason to believe that the Lawton fund will reach a total in the neighborhood of \$50,000 by next week, when it is to be closed.

Captain Sigbee and Chaplain Chadwick had charge of the funeral over the bodies of 150 of the crew of the battleship Maine, which was brought from Havana last week, and interred in Arlington cemetery. The ceremonies were very simple.

Neither Mr. Quay nor his friends are acting like men who are confident of landing that seat in the Senate. They are in reality alarmed because of the large number of Senators who decline to say which way they will vote.

The American Protective Tariff League has done many absurd things, but all their efforts in that line have been eclipsed by a circular letter it has sent to preachers for the purpose of trying to get them to say that church collections are increased by a protective tariff. The ministers of Washington are inclined to resent this attempt to use them for political purposes. One of them—Dr. Alexander Mackay-Smith—who voiced the opinion of most of them, said: "The weather cuts more figure in church collections than any tariff that could be framed. I have noticed that collections frequently fall off as much as half on a rainy Sunday. The attendance at the church is the greatest thing to be considered. If the gentlemen who are sending out the circulars can prove that more people go to church under a protective tariff than under a tariff for revenue, I will be inclined to think that there is something in their contention."

Secretary Gage showed his contempt for public opinion when he ordered something like a million dollars a day—the receipts of the government for international revenue taxes—deposited in a favored New York bank, pending distribution among other national banks. But he may find himself in hot water on account of that order, as a Senator is quoted as having said of the order: "The only satisfaction Secretary Gage vouchsafes to the country is that it is a confidential arrangement between the Treasury and the bank." That is a queer way to talk about the Government's transactions, and I wouldn't be surprised if an effort should be made in the Senate to ask some sharp questions about it. I remember that a big muss was kicked up during Mr. Cleveland's administration because a much smaller sum of government money was deposited in widely scattered banks. In Jackson's time the same question was raised and the country sat down hard on the scheme."

The hearings in the case of Senator Clark, of Mont., which was to begin Jan. 6, before the Senate committee on Elections, will be sensational if Senator Clark proves, as he says he

will, that the whole case against him has been a conspiracy, which having failed to prevent the Montana legislature electing him Senator, turned its schemes toward the U. S. Senate, with the hope of getting him deprived of his seat. Although each witness from Montana will cost about \$350, a large number have been summoned by the committee. Ex-Senator Faulkner, of W. Va., is Senator Clark's chief counsel.

While there has been no agreement to that effect, the general tendency to talk among Democratic Senators indicates a strong desire on their part to force a test vote on some of the numerous Philippine resolutions which are now on the table, whence they can be called up at any time in order that it may be positively known whether a majority of the Senate intend to stand by Mr. McKinley's policy of imperialism. There is also some talk of the advisability of a caucus of Democrats, both Senators and Representatives, shortly after Congress resumes work, for the purpose of mapping out a party policy on all important legislation, but there is some strong opposition to this idea, from these Democrats who argue that the Republicans being in full control of all branches of the government, the wisest plan for the Democrats is to formulate no specific policy, but to assume the role "Br'er fox, he lay low," and content themselves with showing up Republican blunders."

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TWENTIETH CENTURY'S DAWN.

The Friendly Islanders will be the First People to Hail its Advent.

"The first people to live in the twentieth century will be the Friendly Islanders, for the date line, as it may be called, lies in the Pacific Ocean just to the east of their group," writes John Ritchie, Jr., in the January Ladies' Home Journal, of "Where the Next Century Will Really Begin." "At that time, although it will be already Tuesday to them, all the rest of the world will be enjoying some phase of Monday, the last day of the nineteenth century [December 31, 1900]. At Melbourne the people will be going to bed, for it will be nearly ten o'clock; at Manila it will be two hours earlier in the evening; at Calcutta the English residents will be sitting at their Monday afternoon dinner, for it will be about six o'clock; and in London, 'Big Ben,' in the tower of the House of Commons, will be striking the hour of noon. In Boston, New York and Washington half the people will be eating breakfast on Monday morning, while Chicago will be barely conscious of the dawn. At the same moment San Francisco will be in the deepest sleep of what is popularly called night, though really the early, dark hours of Monday morning, and half the Pacific will be wrapped in the darkness of the same morning hours, which become earlier to the west, until at Midway or Brooks Island it will be but a few minutes past midnight of Sunday night."

Consumption Caused by Milk.

In an article published in the Medical and Surgical Reporter, Dr. McQuestion, the writer, says: "Consumption is the result of drinking cow's milk, and where milk is not used the disease is said not to occur. I mean just what I say, no more, no less. The primary cause of consumption is the drinking of cow's milk. I do not mean that every single case of phthisis is attributable directly to the patient's having imbibed infected cow's milk—though even so strong a statement as that is very nearly true—but I do mean to say that if the American people stopped using cow's milk, tuberculous consumption would soon disappear. Let me put it another way: In countries where cow's milk is not used tuberculous consumption is not known. In China there is no milk consumed, and consumption is almost an unknown quantity. Take the steppes of Asiatic Russia. Only goat's milk and mare's milk is used there. Consequently there is no consumption. * * * The same condition is, or was until recently, true of the South Sea Islanders—no cows, no tuberculous diseases. Take the North American Indians before the white man brought his whiskey and his cows among them. They had no word in the Indian language that corresponded to consumption. A few cases may be produced by persons inhaling the dried sputa, and some may be inherited, but the great cause, and the first cause, is the use of cow's milk as food."

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"This poem," said the farmer's wife, "Those boys will make their mark in life. There's Fred, he's little better than a fool, but John and Henry must go to school." "Well, really, wife," said Farmer Brown, "As he sat his mug of beer down, 'Fred does more work in a day for me than both of his brothers do in three.' 'Book learning will never plant one's corn. Nor hoe potatoes, as soon as you're born. Nor mend a rod of broken fence.' For my part I give me common sense. But his wife was bound the root to rule; so John and Henry were sent to school, and Fred, of course, was left behind, and he had to do as he had no mind. Three years at school the students spent, and into business each one went. John learned to play the flute and fiddle, and parried the hair of course, in the middle. While his brother, who looked rather higher than he, hung on a sign, 'H. W. Brown, M. D.' Meanwhile, at home, the boys' Fred had taken a notion into his head. But he quietly trimmed the apple trees, and when the neighbors saw the peas. Meanwhile, either by hook or crook, 'He's getting book learning into his head,' the war broke out and 'apt. Fred' smothered the ground and sowed the grain. And when the rebel flag came down, he came marching home as 'Gen. Brown.' He went to work on the farm again, ploughed the ground and sowed the grain, reshingled the barn and mended the fence. And the people declared he had common sense. Now common sense needed a portion there; so the family danced moved into town, and the people called him 'Gen. Brown.' And his brothers who were sent to the city school, came home to live with 'Mother's Fool.'"

It seems a fitting time, on the eve of the new year, and when many of officials-elect in every county of the State are about to be inducted into office, to recall and emphasize some of the salutary lessons that were given careless public servants during the past twelve months. Through an epidemic of political decadence, or in the perpetration of recent unsavory practices in office, some local governments had drifted into questionable conditions, and the officers seemingly oblivious of their pledges to duty. Whatever the respective causes for lack of faithful stewardship—whether carelessness, ignorance or prerogative or dishonesty—the shortcomings reflect upon those who are derelict. But an age has come when the courts and bodies of taxpayers are taking a hand in seeing that the public interests are not abused, and present and coming public officials should be guarded in the responsibilities intrusted to them.

Notably, in all of the actions that were taken to bring about a surcharge of public funds that were unduly taken, the efforts have met with success. In other words, the evidence justified the charges. In Schuylkill county, through the intervention of the Taxpayers' Association, several Commissioners were convicted of crime, and a halt was beside called on a system of plunder that had held sway for years. Bucks county citizens appealed to Judge Yerkes against the extortionate prices that Court house officers had been paying for supplies, and that eminent jurist gave judgment for a refunding of some \$900 to the county on one kind of requisites. McKean county had an experience through the Auditors refusing to approve illegal expenditures, and by order of the Court the money was refunded to the local Treasury. Careful and worthy Auditors in Chester county took exception to illegal fees that had been taken by the Sheriff, Prothonotary, Clerk of the Courts and Jury Commissioners, and the testimony sustained the Auditors. As a result the over-indulgent officers have reimbursed the county in the sum of \$812. In Bradford county appeals by the taxpayers terminated last week in a refunding of \$11,000 by ex-Commissioners, and preliminary steps have been taken in York county as the result of an admonition to the Auditors from Judge Bittenger that promises a reimbursement of extortionate sums that were taken. If the Auditors shall do their duty in York, as the Court may be expected to compel, a fair investigation would uncover one of the greatest scandals that has yet developed.

The average man who assumes public office is honest, but under the persuasion of certain party bosses with out conscience, or in adherence to a common usage that permits undue latitude, some officials fall into a state of disquietude.—Ex.

First Use of the Word.

The word "God" never appeared in any government act until 1864, when at the suggestion of the director of the mint, ex-Governor Pollock, "In God We Trust" was stamped on the copper two cent piece. Before that time "E Pluribus Unum" had been the motto. Strange to relate "E Pluribus Unum" on coins never was authorized by law. Like Topsy, it just grew. Nearly all the state constitutions mention God.

The list of dead and injured during the football season just over is exceptionally large. The game caused eleven deaths, which are pretty evenly distributed east and west. Sixty-seven men were seriously hurt. A significant fact is that most of the casualties happened on minor teams, where there was a lack of proper training and an absence of science.

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Danville	6:34	1:59	10:09	5:59
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THURSDAY, JANUARY 4, 1900.

Some of England's imagined invincibles have been given lessons in generalship, by the crafty Boers in the present war between the two countries. We refer particularly to the superior tactics employed by Gen. Joubert, a native of Louisiana, and who went through a showering baptism of fire under "Stonewall" Jackson, in Virginia.

Roland Reed, the well known actor, was taken seriously ill in New York last week, and his engagements had to be cancelled. Mr. Reed's leading lady, Miss Isadore Rush, is originally from Berwick, and he has been in the habit of showing in that town once every season. His affliction is appendicitis. The physicians are hopeful for his recovery.

SEA MYSTERY SOLVED.

Divers Find Lost Schooners Hanscom and Pace.

Government divers who have been at work on the bottom of the sea, at Montauk Point, have returned with the story that the skeletons of the crews of the schooners Howard H. Hanscom and James B. Pace were found lashed to the rigging of the vessels.

The divers will be sent back to release the skeletons and to bring them ashore for burial. Identification, of course, will be impossible.

The vessels fouled each other while scudding before the great November storm a year ago. The shock and sinking of the vessels must have followed so suddenly as to leave the men no time for loosening the ropes that held the unfortunate sailors to the vessels' rigging.

The divers will make a more thorough investigation of the condition of the vessels and if practicable, steps to raise them will be taken.

The loss of the Hanscom and Pace and their discovery at the bottom of the Atlantic solves an ocean mystery that has puzzled sailors for a year. The two vessels were about the best known of their class on the entire Atlantic seaboard.

The Hanscom was built at and hailed from New Haven, and her master, Captain Mark Holmes, belonged there. She sailed from Philadelphia on November 23, 1898, for Providence with 1,100 tons of bituminous coal. The Pace left Philadelphia on November 25 for Boston, with 1,200 tons of coal. She was commanded by Captain Garfield, of West Dennis, Mass. The two captains were bosom friends.

DOMESTIC MAIL SERVICE.

Length of Mail Routes, 396,498 Miles.
207,089 Tons of Newspapers Carried.

The annual report of Second Assistant Postmaster General Shellenbarger says that there were in operation under the domestic mail service, on June 30 last, 34,298 mail routes of all descriptions having total length of 396,498 miles. Included in the report are communications from the Postmasters at New York, Brooklyn, Boston and Philadelphia, noting the successful operation of the pneumatic tube service in those cities, and recommending its extension to other stations. Judge Shellenbarger recommends an appropriation of \$500,000 for this purpose.

The amount of second-class matter (newspapers) carried during the year aggregated 207,089 tons. Many of the publishers, says the report, have, on request, rendered the department valuable assistance by making up their papers in such shape as to render unnecessary a rehandling of the matter at the office of origin, but other publishers decline to comply. He recommends the enactment of legislation making this service compulsory.

Judge Shellenbarger appends to his report one by Superintendent Bradley, of the Railway Mail Service, on the results of an inspection of the railway mail service in Great Britain, Germany and France. Mr. Bradley compares the service in these countries with that in operation here, and is of the opinion that the service in this country is not only more efficient, but that it required only one-half to one-third as many employees for the same work. He could not find any mechanical devices in use in the three countries that he would recommend for adoption by the service in this country.

STATE NEWS.

The Pennsylvania Oil and Gas company which struck natural gas at Ansonia recently, has asked the Williamsport Councils for permission to lay pipes there. It is their intention to pipe gas from Ansonia to Williamsport, a distance of sixty miles for industrial and commercial purposes.

It was learned Monday that the Philadelphia & Reading railway had put engineers in the field to make surveys for a new line of railroad from Shippensburg, which is now the southwestern terminus of its railroad system, to Cherry Run, on the line of the B. & O. R. R. The Western Maryland railroad has hitherto furnished the connecting link between these two railroads.

Mrs. Elizabeth Lucas, an aged woman, residing along Marsh Creek, Clinton County, was burned to death, her clothes igniting from a grate.

Snow has been drifting almost constantly for the past ten days in the northwestern part of the State, and railroad traffic is almost at a standstill.

THE PRESS ALMANAC.

The Most Valuable Compendium of Happenings, Facts and Figures Published in Pennsylvania.

The Philadelphia Press Almanac for 1900 is now ready for distribution. To those acquainted with previous volumes it is only necessary to say that it embodies improvements suggested by the past, together with much entirely new and exclusive material. For those not familiar with the work there is awaiting a great treat. It is a volume of over five hundred pages filled with information which makes it related to the world's doings as an encyclopedia is related to all knowledge; it contains maps and diagrams, charts and tables by the aid of which, the Boer war, the political situation nationally, the diplomatic relations with other countries, the industrial and agricultural and agricultural questions before the country for solution, in brief, all current affairs can be understood in all completeness and clearness. No question based on the doings of men or the march of events can remain unanswered to those who possess the Press Almanac for 1900. For sale by all newsdealers or sent by mail, postage prepaid, on receipt of 25 cents.

OLD MEXICO.

Twenty-three Days' Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has arranged for a special personally-conducted tour through Old Mexico by special Pullman train of parlor-smoking, dining, sleeping, compartment, and observation cars, to leave New York and Philadelphia February 12, visiting all the principal points of interest in the "Land of Montezuma," and spending five days in the City of Mexico.

Round-trip tickets, covering all necessary expenses, \$300 from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad.

For further information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; 4 Court Street, Brooklyn; 789 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.; B. Courlaender, Jr., Passenger Agent, Baltimore District, Baltimore, Md.; Colin Studds, Passenger Agent, Southeastern District, Washington, D. C.; Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent, Western District, Pittsburgh, Pa.; or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Phila. 1-4-41.

FLORIDA.

Two Weeks' Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The first Pennsylvania Railroad tour of the season to Jacksonville, allowing two weeks in Florida, will leave New York and Philadelphia February 6.

Excursion tickets, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth), and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, \$50.00; Philadelphia, Harrisburg, Baltimore and Washington, \$48.00; Pittsburgh, \$53.00 and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, Tourist Agent at 1196 Broadway, New York; 4 Court Street, Brooklyn; 789 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.; B. Courlaender, Jr., Passenger Agent, Baltimore District, Baltimore, Md.; Colin Studds, Passenger Agent Southeastern District, Washington, D. C.; Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, Pittsburgh, Pa.; or to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia. 2-4-41.

Millions of men and women join in a petition against allowing a man with three wives to sit in congress, yet not one of them think it worth while to protest against slaughtering a harmless, inoffensive people, or making treaties in which protection is guaranteed to slavery as well as polygamy. Popular sentiment is today as inconsistent and erratic as when hosannas were sung to the Saviour one day and the clamor made to crucify Him the next.

"Honest Labor Bears a Lovely Face."

There is nothing more pleasing to look upon than a hearty, ruddy face, gained by honest toil. They are the saving of the nation, these toilers of both sexes, struggling for daily bread.

Pure blood makes them able to keep up the daily round of duty at home, shop or store. If the blood has a taint or impurity, or a run down feeling comes on, the one remedy is Hood's Sarsaparilla, America's Greatest Medicine for the blood. Poor Blood—"My blood was so poor that in hottest weather I felt cold. Hood's Sarsaparilla made me warm. It is the right thing in the right place." Hattie J. Taylor, Woodstown, N. J.

Hood's Sarsaparilla
Never Disappoints

Hood's Pills cure liver ills; the non-traiting and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

FEATS WITH FIGURES.

Boy Calculator Performs Miracles in Mathematics.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 30.—Probably the most interesting thing brought out at the congress of scientists now in session here is the discovery by the American Psychological society of Arthur F. Griffith, a mathematical prodigy. That the young man is a prodigy is beyond dispute, and his wonderful performances have amazed the learned men of the congress.

Two Yale savants of mathematics, Professors Andrew Phillips and W. H. Beebe, have put the youthful wonder to the severest tests known to science, but never once thus far has he failed.

Arthur F. Griffith is 19 years old, and while a marvel in a strictly mathematical sense he is an infant in all other matters. As a starter Griffith was asked to give the product of 417 and 225. Before the question was fairly asked he had given the answer, 93,905. Multiplying 676 by 241, he gave the answer, 162,916, quicker than an ordinary writer could have placed the original numbers one beneath the other on a slate.

Young Griffith is not a college student. In fact, he could not pass the entrance examinations. Neither does he know anything of the higher mathematics, such as logarithms, calculus, geometry, algebra and the like. His forte is numbers only.

Griffith is a typical country lad, with an ungainly body and big feet and hands. He has a splendidly shaped head, however, with a bright face and very keen eyes.

KENTUCKY POLITICS.

Governor Taylor's Message—Blackburn Elected to the Senate.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Jan. 3.—Governor W. S. Taylor submitted a message of over 7,000 words, covering state affairs and presenting elaborate reasons for the repeal of the Goebel election law, which he called the "infamy of 1898 that had demoralized, disturbed and disgraced the state."

After four years of retirement former Senator Joseph Clay Styles Blackburn was chosen by the joint caucus of the Democratic members of the legislature the successor of Senator William Lindsay in the United States senate. Notwithstanding Blackburn's nomination was a foregone conclusion and his election morally certain, the proceedings of the caucus were enacted in the presence of a galaxy of Kentucky beauty and a dense throng of admirers.

Banker Cole Arrested.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 30.—The warrant for the arrest of Charles H. Cole, formerly of the Globe bank of Boston, on a charge of embezzling \$900,000 has arrived. The United States marshal also received a telegram from the attorney general of the United States directing him to conduct Cole to Boston under guard. Cole waived a preliminary examination, and the start for Boston was made today. The warrant contains four counts. The first charges Cole with receiving \$900,000 on Aug. 7 last and embezzling it, and the second accuses him of embezzling \$300,000 on Aug. 17. The other two counts simply refer to these transactions.

American Shipbuilding.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The total number of vessels built and officially numbered by the bureau of navigation during the calendar year just ended was 954, of 267,642 gross tons, compared with 955, of 237,000 gross tons, for the year 1898. Steam vessels built during 1899 numbered 421, of 169,132 gross tons, compared with 350, of 109,002 gross tons, for 1898. Sailing vessels numbered 533, of 107,510 gross tons; compared with 405, of 97,998 gross tons, for 1898. The increase is almost wholly on the Atlantic and gulf coasts.

Big Gas Well on Fire.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Jan. 3.—The big Painter gas well, belonging to the Mountain State Gas company of this city, located in Ritchie county, has accidentally caught fire, and all efforts to extinguish the flames have been futile. Millions upon millions of feet of gas is going to waste, and the financial loss will be enormous. The roar from the burning gas can be heard 12 miles, and the fire illuminates the whole surrounding country.

The Molineux Trial.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—The eighth week and the forty-seventh day of the trial of Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Katharine J. Adams opened with Harry S. Cornish again on the stand. The cross examination of Cornish by Attorney Weeks was the feature of the day's proceedings. The witness' private life was shown up in a not very enviable light.

Production of Print Cloth.

FALL RIVER, Mass., Jan. 2.—The entire production of the print cloth mills of this city for the year just passed was 12,000,000 pieces, with sales fully equal to that amount. Business has been exceedingly good during the year, and many contracts were made which extend through the entire year 1900.

Do not forget that Mercer's Drug and Book Store is a good place to buy your holiday presents.

STAR CLOTHING HOUSE.

Mid-Winter Sale of Clothing!

PREVIOUS TO STOCK TAKING.

During this month we will offer

BIG BARGAINS IN WINTER CLOTHING!

Must be sold to make room for spring goods.

COME EARLY for BARGAINS AT TOWNSEND'S STAR CLOTHING HOUSE.

Dr. Purves Accepts.
PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 1.—Rev. Dr. George T. Purves preached yesterday to a large congregation at the First Presbyterian church. At the close of the services he told his people that he felt it to be his duty to accept the call which had been extended to him by the Fifth Avenue church of New York.

No Will Left by Moody.
GREENFIELD, Mass., Jan. 2.—A petition has been presented in the probate court here by W. R. Moody, eldest son of the late evangelist, Dwight L. Moody, asking that he be appointed administrator of his father's estate. It is expected that the request will be granted. Mr. Moody left no will.

A Feast For Lions.
VIENNA, Jan. 2.—One of the animal keepers at the Vienna Zoological gardens entered the cage of lions in a spirit of bravado, and six lions rushed upon him and tore him to pieces. The attendants sought in vain with flaming torches and streams of water to drive the wild beasts from their victim.

Customs Receipts at Havana.
HAVANA, Dec. 30.—The total customs receipts for the year exceed \$11,000,000, whereas the highest estimate made by the war department for the year's returns was \$9,000,000.

Large Seal Catch.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The total catch of seals by Canadian sealing vessels during the past season was 55,344 as compared with a total for the preceding year of 28,552.

FILIPINO PLOT FAILS.

An Insurrection, Aided by Bombs, Hatched in Manila.

MANILA, Jan. 1.—Four explosive bombs, a few firearms and 500 rounds of ammunition were discovered in a house in the center of Manila while the police were seeking Recarte, the insurgent leader, who was said to have come to Manila in the hope of effecting an outbreak by taking advantage of the mobilization of the American troops at General Lawton's funeral.

It has developed that the plot included the throwing of bombs among the foreign consuls attending the ceremony in order to bring about international complications. These, it seems, were to have been thrown from the Escalta's high buildings, but the avoidance of the Escalta by the funeral procession spoiled the plan.

The populace, it is thought, had been prepared for the attempt by a rumor circulated widely among the natives that Aguinaldo was in Manila and would personally lead the outbreak. The American authorities, having been advised of what was brewing, prepared for all contingencies.

McCoy Defeats Maher.
NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—"Kid" McCoy defeated Peter Maher at Coney Island yesterday afternoon in five rounds of a 25 round bout. It was a knock out. The battle did not begin till nearly 5:30. There was first a long delay, as no purse had been posted. Finally the entire receipts, \$16,000, were put in the hands of the stakeholder, Jimmy Wakely, and the men agreed to fight for that. Then there was another long squabble over gloves, McCoy insisting on wearing a pair of his own and Maher insisting that the rule that the club furnish gloves be followed. McCoy yielded at last, and the fight began.

Ice Bridge at Niagara.
BUFFALO, Jan. 3.—An ice bridge has formed in the gorge at Niagara Falls just above the upper steel arch bridge, but it is doubtful whether it will develop strength enough to bear any considerable weight. Superintendent Welch says it is the earliest bridge that has formed with in his recollection, although bridges have formed between Jan. 8 and 10. The ice scenery in the park is the finest in years.

Fatal Waterback Explosion.
BRIDGETON, N. J., Jan. 3.—The waterback in the home of Samuel Cosaboon exploded yesterday, blowing the range to atoms and wrecking the kitchen. A baby asleep in a cradle was instantly killed. Tilly Hogate, who was terribly injured by the explosion of a waterback in the home of William Bennett, is dying.

Whole Family Cremated.
BARBOURSVILLE, W. Va., Jan. 2.—William Ellis, wife and two children were burned to death in their home near here. No one knows the origin of the fire.

Cart loads of perfumery, in 35 different odors, at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

F. P. PURSEL.

A Natural Sequel To the Holiday Sale.

Large movements of merchandise are not always clean movements of merchandise.

Our big sale, just ended, has left us with many odd lots of desirable goods—remnants, broken sizes, assortments, and what not. With this flotsam we shall have material enough for another sale, more interesting in its money saving importance than the big sale itself. These remnants clog the stock and we want a clean house in which to receive our new spring purchases when they begin to arrive. All this means some exceptional bargain giving.

Dress Goods.

Some are waist lengths, some are skirt lengths, some broken colors, assortments in part pieces, but price on any of them lean very much your way. We call special attention to a lot of half pieces that were 45 and 50c. We will close at 29c the yard.

Domestics.

These goods are all much higher, but we have a lot at the old price that we have carried awhile, that we will put out at this sale.

A lot of the best indigo blue calico at 5c the yard. 10 yards of good, fine muslin, unbleached, at 50c for 10 yards. Bleached muslin, just as good as Hill's, at 69c.

Ladies' Jackets.

We have some of these left and they must be closed, so we cut the price again.

\$12.00 & \$10.00 Jackets at \$7.49
8.50 " 7.50 " " 5.49
5.00 " " " 3.79

The Yearly Sale Of Snowy Under Muslins.

The success of this muslin underwear sale now depends on you. We've done our part—done it honestly—most thoroughly. These goods will all be higher. Anyone will tell you that. We have a lot of nice, clean goods we will sell for the next ten days lower than we have ever offered them.

25c drawers at 19c. 35c drawers at 29c, and a lot of 50c drawers at 42c.

A lot of night robes that we sold at \$1.10, 75c and 65c. All go at 59c at this sale.

A lot of robes that sold at \$1.75, \$1.40 and \$1.25, we will sell at 98c.

China Reduced.

We will sell all China dishes at a discount of 20 per cent.

Flour.

We sell one grade of the best blended flour. 90c for 50 lbs., or \$3.50 the barrel.

F. P. PURSEL

HAPPY

NEW YEAR!

Thanking you for helping to make 1899 one of the biggest and most prosperous years in the history of this store. We start the New Year to make you happy, by giving you from this day

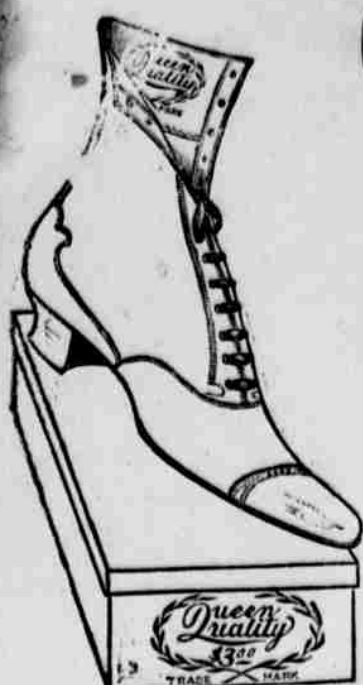
Cut Prices on all Coats, Capes, Col-larettes, Tailor-Made Suits, &c.

Give us a call before the bargains are all. It will pay you to get what you need in this line now, as you will pay much more for goods of this kind one year from now.

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Mr. Charles Belles and Miss Emma Hummel, of Fairmount Springs, were married by Rev. J. Vrooman, at the Harveyville parsonage last Wednesday.

Rev. M. E. McLinn married Mr. Sterling Smith and Miss Rosa Kressler at the Lutheran parsonage on Monday. The couple are residents of this town.

Miss Madeline Tasker of Punxsutawney, Pa., sister of D. J. Tasker, will be married on January 17th, to William C. Smith, a merchant of Glen Glade, Pa.

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George P. Ringler and Mrs. Daniel Z. Mensch were the fortunate ones at the Bloomsburg Wheelman progressive euchre party, Friday night. We do not know what the prizes were.

We received a letter last week from our former townsman C. C. Trench, of Knoxville, Tennessee, in which he says that on Christmas day snow covered the ground to the depth of an inch.

There will be a public installation of the officers of Ent Post, No. 250, at G. A. R. Hall, Friday, at 8 p. m. All old soldiers and their friends are invited.

W. O. HOLMES, Post Com.

Carl Brown of this town, sales-agent for Armour & Company, was a passenger on the Penn'a. train that killed three men, by striking the vehicle in which the unfortunate men were riding, near Montandon, Tuesday afternoon.

The second of the series of January musicals in the Presbyterian church will be given on January eighth—Monday, beginning promptly at 3:30 p. m. Silver offering at the door. The program will appear in Saturday's *Daily*.

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We have been requested to announce that the dedication of the new Methodist Episcopal Church of Waller, will take place next Sunday, January 7th, 1900. The services will be in charge of Rev. M. L. Snyder of Shamokin, and Rev. W. W. Evans, D. D.

Henry Ort, aged about sixty-four years, died at his Jerseytown home Tuesday night. His health had been failing for some time, and his death was not wholly unexpected. Mr. Ort was at one time a resident of Bloomsburg. Mrs. Ort and one daughter, Mrs. A. M. Ent, of Ridgway, Pa., survive.

If interested in horses, cows or sheep, take the *Farm Journal*. It is a wonderfully good little paper and you ought to take it. We can send the *COLUMBIAN* one year and the *Farm Journal* 5 years (all of 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904), all for \$1.00. This only to new and old subscribers who pay in advance. Pay up.

Pennington's Dramatic Company which was billed to play the "Triple Heart" in the Opera House Monday night, for some reason or other failed to put in an appearance. The non appearance of the troop was not the result of a mix up in dates, because this was to be the initial performance. John Brooks of this town was, or is to be musical director of the Company.

During the year 1899, there were issued by Prothonotary William H. Henrie, two hundred and ninety-two marriage licenses. The oldest man granted a license was sixty years of age, and the oldest woman was forty-eight years. The youngest man was seventeen years, and the youngest woman was sixteen years. Many licenses have already been procured this month, and should the present rate be kept up, the above record will be left far behind by the close of 1900.

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PURELY PERSONAL

Mrs. William Leverett returned to her home at Philadelphia on Saturday.

Dr. B. F. Sharpless of Catawissa, attended to business in town yesterday.

John E. Vannatta and little son Tom spent Sunday with relatives on Iron street.

Chas. Unangst Esq., and wife of New York, spent a few days in town last week.

Miss Delia Geisinger, of Esby, has been the guest of friends at Millersburg the past week.

Miss Natalie Foulke has returned home after a two weeks visit with Wilkes-Barre friends.

Mrs. George Wilson has been visiting her mother Mrs. Margaret Wagner at Muncy Station.

Mrs. Paul E. Wirt received her lady friends on Tuesday afternoon from four to six o'clock.

T. C. Kocher, of Fowlersville, was in town on Tuesday, and gave this office a pleasant call.

William Coffman returned home on Monday after a weeks visit with his sister at Wilkes-Barre.

Miss Marie and Mr. Elwell Funk entertained a party of their young friends last Saturday evening.

The Misses Mary and Laura Mensch, of Muncy Station, were guests of friends here during the holidays.

I. H. Hagenbuch of Grovania, one of our prompt payment in advance subscribers, was in town on Wednesday.

Mr. John Swartwout, of Sugarloaf township, was a recent caller at this office. His visits are always appreciated.

Ben Gidding spent Monday at Mt. Carmel, his wife having been visiting her parents at that place for two weeks past.

Robert E. Hartman of the firm of I. W. Hartman & Son left on Monday for New York City to purchase new goods.

Margaret Laubach has entirely recovered from her recent illness and is again back to her work in the Telephone Exchange.

Jay Allen, Mac Reber and Harry Keller, have returned to college. The two first to State, and the latter, to Lafayette.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Fetterman were on Monday informed of the arrival of a young son, at the home of their daughter, Mrs. J. C. Wiegand, at Wilkes-Barre.

Stephen Reice returned to Philadelphia on Saturday, accompanied by his father, Charles Reice, who went down to spend a day or two with his son William.

Mrs. Erath, daughter and son, of South Wilkes-Barre, enjoyed a four days' visit with Mrs. Erath's mother, in town. They returned home Monday afternoon.

Miss Estelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Rodgers, of Hazleton, Pa., is visiting at her aunt's, Mrs. P. E. Wirt. A New Year's party was given in her honor on Monday night.

Frank C. Angle, Esq., editor, lawyer, opera house manager, director in the new telephone company, and in many other ways one of Danville's leading citizens, spent a few hours in town on Tuesday.

Samuel Pifer, formerly of Bloomsburg, now of Dubois City, circulated among old friends and former acquaintances in town on Tuesday. Mr. Pifer is a tailor, and learned his trade with N. S. Tingley, here many years ago.

Mrs. Edward W. Sleppy and interesting daughter, Miss Madeline, were guests of relatives in town over Sunday. Mr. Sleppy was also in town over Saturday night, but his duties as a railroad engineer made it necessary for him to be at his post on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. D. J. Waller and family, of Indiana, Pa., were here to spend Christmas with their relatives. There were present at the Waller home on that day, a family gathering of twenty-two, made up of the sons and daughters of Mrs. D. J. Waller Sr., and their families.

W. K. Armstrong and wife, of Milton, spent Sunday and Monday with Mrs. Armstrong's mother, at corner of Fourth and Catharine Street. Their little daughter, Miss Martha, who pre-ceeded them here a few days, accompanied them home. Mr. Armstrong reports business in general very good at Milton.

Organ recital at St. Paul's P. E. Church on Tuesday, Jan. 9th.

If you want a nice calendar, Christmas card, booklet, or books of any kind, go to Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

At the Annual Grand Communication of the Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, jurisdiction of Pennsylvania, held in Corinthian Hall, of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, on Thursday of last week John W. Farnsworth, of Danville was appointed District Deputy Grand High Priest of Columbia and Montour Counties.

Well pleased was the audience that greeted W. H. Power's company in the picturesque romantic military drama, "Shannon of the Sixth," at the Opera House Friday night. The performers were loudly applauded throughout the play.

Mr. Powers is a good actor and his supporting company does not contain a weak character.

Miss Ida Elizabeth Werts and Mr. John Lemons, both of Bloomsburg, were married by Rev. J. D. Smith, of the Baptist Church, in the parlor of Mrs. M. M. Phillips' boarding house at eight o'clock Thursday evening of last week.

After the ceremony refreshments were served, and hearty congratulations extended to the newly married couple.

The Reformed congregation at St. James', Fishingcreek township, will begin the erection of a new church early in the spring. The architect's plan, which was adopted, provides for a Sunday School room, an auditorium, and tower for vestibule and bell. The church will be modern in style, and contain many conveniences. When finished it will speak well for the community and the congregation.

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The "Kunjerin" of Sally Ann.

By DAVID YOUNG.

I THOUGHT it rather hard that Priscilla should follow me to the garden, whither I had betaken myself for the express purpose of enjoying my own society, but scarcely was I established before she arrived, smiling and urbane, and so perfectly sure of a welcome as to be positively exasperating.

"You looked so lonesome, Miss Mary," she said, seating herself on the grass, "that I 'lowed I'd jine you; 'tain't good for young folks ter flock by themselves, 'alder 'lse in trouble, an' I wants you ter 'vise me."

"Well, what can I do for you?" "You kin hep me a lot, Miss Mary; hit's Sally Ann what's in trouble; yessum, Sally ain't hed no luck sence de day she was borned; fus tinnin a kittle of bilin' water over herself when she warn't no mor'n a baby, den bein' runned by a cow crossin' thru General Hethercourt's pasture, an' here lately gwine an' gitten 'kunjered' by dat no count little gal what cooks fur Mister Legroue."

"Angie?" I exclaimed. "Yessum, an' 'alongs of a squint-eyed nigger what ain't wuth deshot ter kill him wid."

"If he's all that," I said, "why should Sally Ann want him?"

"Miss Mary, dere ain't no countin' on gals; I've lived a long time an' I've lunned a heap, but I've never constructed myself ez ter what a gal's gwine ter do! Nathan Lewis, de nigger what's caused all de 'citement, wuz keepin' camp wid Sally (dey was traduced at de picnic what de Congregation of Blessed Sinners giv at de grove), an' seel'n ez Sally ain't nothin' on looks an' warn't likely ter git anoder chance, me an' Hinery 'elided ter make no 'jections ter de match."

"Everything wuz gwine on smooovely when Sally Ann ain't hed no better sence den ter vite Angie ter supper one night when Nathan was dere. Well, Miss Mary, you mayn't believe hit, but she ain't no mo'n set eyes on dat nigger 'fore she gin ter 'tract him; sich gwines on I never seed!"

"Sally Ann she ain't dun nuffin but cry all night, an' Hinery he sez ter her sez he: 'You got jest what you 'sarved; ain't got no more gumption den ter ax dat gal here. I reckin you'll know better nex' time.' Well, Miss Mary, Nathan ain't bin near us sence, 'ceptin' once, an' den twaz ter ax Hinery fur de loan of a quater, an' Sally Ann she's bin gwine roun' like a sick chicken, never talkin' ter nobuddy an' not sleepin' an' actin' so contrary, dat we knows Angie's dun 'kunjered' her."

"Nonsense," said I, "I expect Sally is low spirited and you are too easily frightened."

"No, ma'am; she's bin 'kunjered.' Monday night de fedderns in her piller wuz eam full of lumps."

"That often happens."

"An' larst night she foun' a dade chicken hade in her bade!"

"The cat took it there, of course; people don't conjure each other now-days."

"White folks don't, Miss Mary, but niggers duz; an' Ise dat troubled 'bout Sally Ann, dat Ise pretty nigh 'stracted. Hinery sez ter me ez he wuz leavin' dis mornin': 'Priscilla, sez he, 'why don't you insult Miss Mary? D'ere ain't nothin' she can't do, an' ef you explains ter her de sark'instances of de case, I 'low she'll 'vise somethin' ter set things straight.'"

"Henry overrates my abilities," I remarked (not caring whether Priscilla understood me or not), "but I'm willing to do anything to help you, because Sally is an honest girl and I hate to think of her being ill."

"An' youse gwine ter hep me?"

"Oh, yes; if I can."

"Lor, chile! I knows you'll 'comply somethin', case when you sets your 'tention ter ennything you don't low yourself ter be beat."

"Well, go away now and leave me to think about it."

So Priscilla departed, and a few minutes later my cousin, Philip Dean, sauntered across the grass to me; in his arms he carried something brown and velvety and altogether lovely.

"For you," he said, putting it down on my knee. "Oh, Phil," I cried, "a setter puppy! How good of you."

"Well, you know you wanted one."

"I did; but where did you get it?"

"Nathan Lewis, a negro whom I bailed out of jail (drunk Saturday night, the usual thing), brought it to me yesterday."

"Nathan Lewis; and you say he's under obligations to you?"

"Yes," in great surprise.

"Then he will do anything for you?"

"Not that doesn't follow."

"I suppose not; but there can be no harm in trying."

"Trying what?" asked Phil. "My brain moves slowly."

"Listen," I said, and I hastily narrated the story wherein Nathan played the part of hero and Angie that of the villain.

"Well, upon my word," said he, "fancy anyone sighing for Nathan."

"You forget," I replied, "Sally Ann ain't nothin' on looks an' never hed no luck now."

"Poor Sally Ann," said Phil.

"Poor, indeed," I replied.

"Well, look here," said he, "I'll make a bargain with you. If you manage Angie, I'll see to Nathan."

"Very well, I shall depend on you."

"Good! Now suppose we talk of something else. Did you get those books I sent you?"

That night I gave Priscilla a small vial of golden liquid (and how could she recognize Fred's favorite char-reuse), and said, impressively:

"Give this to Sally, Priscilla. Tell her to take four drops of it, in a glass of wa-

ter, every night, as the clock strikes 12, and see that she says, as she swallows it:

"If I drink this precious charm, Spirits cannot do me harm!"

Priscilla's eyes swelled, but she repeated, slowly:

"Ef I drinks dis preshus charm—Sperits ain't gwine ter do me harm."

"That's right," I said, "make her take it until she hears from me and you'll be surprised to find how fast she improves."

Fred joined me shortly after Priscilla disappeared.

"Mary," said he, "you're the biggest goose living; the idea of teaching that darky all that rubbish."

"My dear boy," I replied, "one must fit the cure to the malady. Sally really thinks she is conjured, and if I used ordinary methods would allow her mind to influence her, and ultimately fade away; as it is, I have hopes of her recovery."

"I expect you are right," he said, "you usually are!"

"Thank you so much; by the way, I see you are going to the 'Quarters'; please tell Angie I want to see her."

"If I don't forget."

"See that you don't; this is very important."

That his memory proved faithful was evidenced by the arrival of Angie the next day—Angie in a gorgeous and impossible costume of white cheese cloth and a big hat freighted with roses.

When this delightful vision brightened my humble apartment, I said:

"Angie, I sent for you because I've received a letter from Mrs. Doane asking if you were still on the place, as she wants to engage you as cook; she says she has not forgotten your batter cakes (for Angie had looked for us during one of Priscilla's brief absences), and faithful friend though she might be was a jewel among servants. I saw Mr. Legroue this morning and he told me he had no objection to your going; and I felt sure you would want to go, for the city will suit you better than the country, won't it?"

"Yessum, dese folks roun' here, sho', is common."

If Angie could have divined my uncomplimentary thoughts she would not have looked at me so smilingly, but fortunately eyes do not speak, so she was blissfully unaware of my sentiments.

"Think it over," I said, "and let me know what you decide. You'll have to go before Sunday or Mrs. Doane will give the place to some one else."

"I'll go, Miss Mary," cried Angie. "Dere ain't nothin' ter keep me."

"I didn't think so," I replied. "I knew you held yourself above the people on the place." (Horrid little snob, I thought.)

"Yessum, dere ain't nobuddy fitten ter 'sociate wid here."

"Then I'll write to Mrs. Doane to expect you?"

"Yessum."

So early Saturday morning, Angie departed for "green fields and pastures new," and that same afternoon Phil called to acquaint me with the success of his own machinations.

"I sent for Nathan," he said, "and told him I'd give him the place of hostler if he were only married. In fact, that I would hold the offer open until he could find himself a wife, provided she were of the right sort. I wanted her to take charge of the dairy and didn't want any airified city negress around, but an honest downright ugly one—the uglier the better. 'Priscilla's Sally would do,' he said ungalantly, 'but Ise had oder 'tentions.' 'Oh, well,' said I, 'it doesn't matter, but I thought you'd jump at a place where you'll get \$12 a month, besides board and a cabin. And as to Sally Ann, I've heard Miss Rasley say she was one of the best girls on their place.'"

"Dat's true, Marse Phil," he said, "I ain't 'sputin' what you say; but dere's dat little Angie; I 'lowed ez—"

"Angie," I said, derisively, "she wouldn't look at you; besides she's gone to New Orleans. Mr. Legroue told me this morning he was out of a cook."

"You don't sasso," said Nathan, "well, bein' ez dat's so, I reckon I'll go an' see Sally Ann."

"You'd better hurry," I remarked, "for the first thing you know some other fellow will cut in ahead of you."

"Oh, Phil," I cried, "how could you?"

"Surely, you know," he replied, "that nothing stimulates the masculine ardor like the fear of a rival." Nathan was departing, certain of conquest; Sally Ann was therefore in a way valueless; by my untruthful, but potent speech, I have sent her stock up many degrees.

In love and war—you know the adage; but to change the subject, I am driving a new horse; won't you try him with me?"

An hour or so later, as we were coming slowly home, we met Sally and Nathan walking down the road to the 'quarters.' Phil checked his horse as we passed and called out: "Well, Nathan, I hope you were successful?"

"Yessir," he replied, grinning, "hit's all right."

"Miss Mary," said Sally Ann, coming round to my side of the cart, "I ain't gwine ter furgit dat you cured me of bein' 'kunjered.' Widout you I'd hev bin p'intedly dade."

"Oh, no, Sally," I protested, "you weren't so ill as that."

"Yessum, I wuz, but I took your medicine reg'lar an' said dat potry reel keeful, an' Ise all right, but ef hit hadn't bin fur you I'd hev bin dade an' berried an' I ain't gwine ter fergit it neider."

"Marse Phil," called Nathan, as we were driving off, "you wuz mistooked about dat oder nigger, Sally Ann say nobuddy ain't wantin' ter marry her 'ceppeen me."

"Isn't that too much," I exclaimed; "fancy her letting him know!"

Phil looked pensively at his whip. "You wouldn't advise a falsehood, I'm sure."

"Of course not," indignantly, "but there are ways of doing these things."

"Yes," he agreed, "there are certainly ways."—N. O. Times-Democrat.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Notable Events of the Week Briefly and tersely told.

The Pennsylvania railroad system of pensions went into effect.

A movement has been started to consolidate the milk companies of Chicago.

The torpedo boat Goldsborough had a successful builders' trial at Portland, Or.

A scheme to combine the zinc interests of the country was reported started in Kansas City.

Commissioner General Peck announced that 7,000 firms of this country would have exhibits at the Paris exposition.

Ten villages were reported destroyed by an earthquake in the Achalkalak district of the government of Tiflis, Russia.

It was said in Washington that 2,800 troops are to be withdrawn from Cuba and the number of military departments reduced to two.

Treasurer of the United States Roberts said the distribution of internal revenue receipts to the first group of banks would be completed in about eight days.

Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Mme. Sara Bernhardt is ill in Paris. Western Germany is suffering from a coal famine.

Lady Alice Montagu was reported to be dying in London.

Two slight shocks of earthquake were felt in southern California.

Fifty thousand dollars for the Lawton fund was announced to be in sight.

The treasury estimates the stock of gold in the country at about \$1,000,000,000 worth in coin.

The charges against Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire for violation of the civil service law were dismissed.

An explosion of gas at Knoxville, Pa., wrecked a large number of houses and stables and tore up several streets for hundreds of feet.

Monday, Jan. 1.

Great suffering was caused among the poor of New York city by the intense cold.

George B. Eyre of Chester, Pa., has been missing from his home for ten days.

According to a Bombay dispatch, a bombic plague is causing fearful ravages in that city.

Miss Elida Wilbur, who has lain unconscious for nearly two years in her San Francisco home, is gradually reviving.

Judge McPherson of the United States court has decided that all social clubs which sell intoxicating liquors must pay a revenue tax.

According to the surgeon in charge, the soldiers who became ill on the transport Rio de Janeiro were poisoned by spoiled "fresh" beef.

The Rev. J. J. Astrell, the "fighting parson" of Royal Oak, Mich., has consented to spar in public at an entertainment for charity in Detroit.

John J. Hannigan, a policeman who was sentenced to two years in Sing Sing prison for shooting a boy, has been pardoned by Governor Roosevelt.

Samuel Wolf of New York city went to Poughkeepsie to hear the story of his wife's death in an insane asylum. Instead he learned that she had been discharged as cured.

Saturday, Dec. 30.

Almost 3,000,000 persons are receiving famine relief in India.

Mr. Cleveland's physician denied that the ex-president's condition was dangerous.

The Honolulu authorities have taken active measures to prevent the spread of the plague.

One man was killed and many seriously injured in a Union Pacific railway wreck in Colorado.

The steamer Tallahassee reported the sinking of an unknown schooner near Cape Hatteras.

Carl Miller, the composer, was reported as suffering from a paralytic stroke at Vienna.

The municipal council of New York city adopted resolutions of sympathy for Filipinos and Boers.

The official canvass at Albany showed that all the constitutional amendments were carried at the recent election.

Friday, Dec. 29.

News reached San Francisco of the prevalence of the plague in Honolulu.

Gottfried Krueger of Newark, N. J., has just completed a \$250,000 family tomb.

The subscriptions to the Lawton home fund received in Washington reached \$28,792.

Mr. Harry Escombe, former premier of Natal, died suddenly on the street in Durban.

Renewed reports of strained relations between Russia and Japan reached Victoria, B. C.

The New York Central stockholders at Albany unanimously ratified the Boston and Albany lease.

Mayor Hayes and the Baltimore officials denied that the city would default on some of its bonds.

The decision reached in the matter of the extension of the foreign settlement at Shanghai has been ratified.

One million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in gold was announced to sail from New York on the Campania Saturday.

Thursday, Dec. 28.

A fire in Fort Wayne, Ind., destroyed \$200,000 worth of property.

The postoffice safe at Watkins, N. Y., was blown open and robbed.

Edward C. Hodges & Co., Boston, bankers and brokers, suspended business.

A disastrous flood was reported along the Nooksack river, in Washington state.

The subscriptions to the Lawton home fund from all sources have reached \$31,405.45.

The new bathhouse of Harvard college oarsmen, just nearing completion, was burned.

The Noranmore, which arrived at Norfolk, reported the loss at sea of an unknown bark with 15 persons on board.

The plague was reported to be raging in New Caledonia. The governments of Australia have taken elaborate precautions.

Small Stock of Wool.

BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The Commercial Bulletin says of the wool market: "The stock of wool in Boston is 65,400,200 pounds domestic and 10,592,000 pounds foreign against 80,403,090 domestic and 52,227,327 pounds foreign last year."

Crocker Breaks a Leg.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—Richard Crocker's leg was broken yesterday at his country place, Mount House, near Watnage, in Berkshire. "The Temporary" chauffeur was trying to mount one of his horses for an early morning ride.

CURRENT COMMENT.

We have for generations boasted that this is the land of the free and the home of the brave, an asylum for the oppressed of all nations. Now our rulers deem it desirable to expand, and we start out to slaughter a simple people and take their land for our own. Isn't this a pretty picture of inconsistency for a government boasting of its Christian civilization?

Philadelphia has secured the Republican national convention, and now she is trying to have the national headquarters located there. That would be strictly in accord with the eternal fitness of things, especially if Mark Hanna is to be the chief bottle holder, as seems likely. He would take to the Philadelphia method of carrying elections as readily as a duck runs to water. He would find it cheaper perhaps, and no more demoralizing than the wholesale bribery and intimidation used to pull McKinley through in 1896. Yes, by all means let Marcus locate headquarters and headquarters, too, if he likes, in Philadelphia, for many of the Philadelphia fellows who see a horrid political specter in Matthew would take kindly to Mark.

In spite of all the paeans sung to the goddess of prosperity "murder will out." A few days ago a Washington dispatch gave the information that Secretary Gage had that day received telegrams from bankers in all parts of the country, declaring that a financial panic was impending, and urging him to take immediate steps to prevent it. What was the good Mr. Gage to do? He knows that we have more money than we need, because he said so; but he at once decided to buy bonds to the amount of \$25,000,000, so as to get the money out of his way simply, and also agreed to send out \$50,000,000 of the government's money to be deposited in national banks. Of course the banks had no use for it, because, according to Mr. Gage and his golden crew, we have all the money we need. But it was perhaps in Mr. Gage's way, and he sent it out. When such men as Gage talk about our having more money than we need and use that as an argument to deceive the people into favoring the single gold standard it is a pity that the fate which befel Ananias and Sapphira might not have a new illustration, as the old seems to have lost its effect.

Professional military gentlemen are the vainest lot of human peacocks on the face of the earth, showing their self importance in every movement as they strut about togged out in tinsel and feathers. Naturally they are the greatest braggarts in existence, and can make the tamest sort of an engagement a heroic and terrible contest, a brilliant attack or a most gallant charge. When defeated it is always overwhelming numbers, and the retreat is simply a withdrawal in splendid order. General Methuen in sending an account of the skirmish at Modder river described it as the "bloodiest battle of the century," and said he was confronted by at least 8,000 Boers. It turned out that the Boer force was but 500 and the British lost 73 killed and about 400 wounded. Perhaps it was blue blood that the general had in mind that made things so bloody, for a little of that in his estimation would undoubtedly go a long way. One would think from Roosevelt's description of the skirmish at San Juan that it was like Methuen's, one of the bloodiest engagements of the world's history, yet it was but a scratch, with little loss of life, which might have been still less had somebody with less dress parade courage and more judgment been in Roosevelt's place.

Fairy Rings.

Mr. Steele has an article in Knowledge on "Fairy Rings," those green circles in pastures which were formerly believed to be caused by the midnight revelry of the fairies. They are caused by a fungus whose spawn spreads centrifugally in every direction and forms a common felt from which the fruit rises at its extreme edge, the soil of the inner disk is exhausted, and the spawn dies there while it spreads all round in an outward direction and produces another crop, whose spawn spreads again. The rank growth of the grasses composing these rings is probably due to the fungus taking up from the soil organic nitrogen which is not available to the grasses, and in some way becoming the medium of supply of the soil nitrogen to the grasses forming the circle.

"Experience is the Best Teacher."—We must be willing to learn from the experience of other people. Every testimonial in favor of Hood's Sarsaparilla is the voice of experience to you, and it is your duty, if your blood is impure and your health failing, to take this medicine. You have every reason to expect that it will do for you what it has done for others. It is the best medicine that money can buy.

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The fancy skater is the chap who cuts ice just at present.

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CURRENT COMMENT.

Notes and Comments, Political and Otherwise, on Matters of Interest.

By Andrew J. Palm.

McKinley and his jingo advisers should have the Declaration of Independence revised so as to read: "All governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Mark Hanna, John Bull and Wall Street are the trinity which Mr. McKinley now swears by. Though a Methodist in theory, he hasn't been practicing at it to any great extent since he ascended the throne.

At the close of the fiscal year Treasurer Beacom finds \$2,000,000 more in the state treasury than was taken in last year. When the people of the state take time to think about it they will naturally ask, "What excuse had Governor Stone for cutting out a million dollars of the school appropriation?"

The public school is the last institution that should suffer by the financial pruning knife, and no excuse except that of absolute inability to pay will be accepted as a reason to justify either legislative or executive in cutting short the appropriation. Governor Stone has no such excuse to plead.

The last legislature passed an act providing that the appointment of county commissioners' clerk shall be for a period of three years unless he be discharged for cause. In view of this act the clerks in Crawford, Mercer and Lackawanna counties resigned recently and were reappointed, hoping thereby to hold over for three years from the time of appointment. As there are several gentlemen hungering and thirsting for these positions, many of whom were promised them before the election, if things went their way, it is almost certain that the legality of such appointments will be tested in court.

What a shock it must have been to the Republican members of the house and their eleven Democratic allies to learn that during the very hour they were railroaded the sound currency measure through a panic was occurring in New York which, according to Republican authorities, caused the loss of \$100,000,000 and the ruin of thousands of men. This law that is to establish honesty, stability, soundness, confidence and everything else necessary or desirable in our financial system! 'Twas really too bad, for it looked so very like a judgment sent from Heaven to rebuke Wall Street and its representatives at Washington.

The dividing line between the Democratic and the Republican parties is no wavering uncertain boundary, but has clear and well defined limits. The Democratic party is unalterably arrayed against trusts, against imperialism, against the single gold standard, against robbery by tariff, and favors the imposition of a graded income tax. There are other minor points of difference between the parties, but these are the essentials by which men are to be judged. The man who imagines himself a Democrat, but finds himself out of harmony with his party on any of these questions, may well begin to doubt the soundness of his Democracy, and should not ask to represent his party in any official capacity which has to do with party policies.

No antediluvian high priest ever had more reverence for his soothsayers and sorcerers than have our secretaries of the treasury held for the Morgans and other Wall Street usurers. It was announced a day or two before the late panic in New York that Mr. Morgan had a long conference. It will be remembered that this same Mr. Morgan came up the day of the panic and saved matters from utter demoralization by offering a million dollars at 6 per cent, while money at the same time within a few feet was bringing 50 per cent. Possibly the million was from Uncle Sam's strong box. If Morgan sold his own money at 6 per cent when he might have had more for the asking, the million may be looked for speedily. Grover Cleveland had some bond business with this same Mr. Morgan which put him, president as he was, under grave suspicion.

The imperialists are anxious to provoke the Cubans into some overt act as an excuse to seize upon the island and forcibly annex it. Our government has all through the contest acted more like an overgrown bully than an honorable gentleman. The administration has steadily refused all conciliatory measures in dealing with the Filipinos. Their envoy on a mission of peace was driven from Washington without recognition, in spite of the fact that our soldiers had saluted the Filipino flag and welcomed the Filipino soldier as an ally against Spain. We provoked them into firing on our flag by first firing at them, and then like a bully strutting around with a chip on his shoulder. We take that as a reason for exterminating them or compelling them to accept us as their masters. Some flimsy pretext will sooner or later be trumped up as an excuse for holding Cuba. 'Twill give sufficient expansion to afford a few political spoilsman good fat places, and that is what expansion really means, and all it means, to those who are most ardent in urging it.

Republican leaders, especially those who have a brotherly feeling for trusts, do not like Hon. William J. Bryan's proposition that trusts should be dealt with by the general government. They say that the state should look after them, and they declare that Bryan is undemocratic when he would invoke the aid of congress. This is all very fine, for when a state passes a law with a view to curbing the trust evil it is easy to get a decision from the supreme court declaring that the law interferes with the interstate commerce act. There's nothing like making matters as easy as possible for the supreme court. Cases have occurred when there was no way for the court to do as it desired except to reverse itself, and of course that's humiliating and likely to cause suspicion. Courts are composed of ordinary human beings who have their full share of human weaknesses, and men who are seldom selected solely because they are the best and ablest that can be had. The average man would respect the supreme court if it would only let him, but it will take years of fair dealing to wipe out the memory of that infamous decision on the income tax. 'Twas so plain.

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12-14-99 E. B. TUSTIN, Cashier.

NOTICE.

Notices hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on the thirteenth day of January, nineteen hundred, by Frederick J. Hadden, Samuel H. Hadden, John L. Richardson, C. J. Richardson and E. B. Hadden, under the Act of Assembly, entitled, "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," approved April 26th 1884, and the supplements thereto; for the Charter of an intended corporation to be known as "The Hadden Manufacturing Company." The charter and object of which is for the purpose of the manufacture of iron or steel or both or any other metal or article of commerce from metal, wood or both or for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy, all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and the supplements thereto.

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8-24-99

LICENSE APPLICATIONS.

Notice is hereby given that the following named persons have filed with the clerk of the Quarter Sessions of Columbia County, their petitions for license, which will be presented to said court on

MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1900,

at ten o'clock a. m.

Geo. W. Ash and Stewart A. Ash, trading under the firm name of Ash & Bro., residence, Bloomsburg, township, Bloomsburg, situated in a storehouse in the northeast corner of the second and 11th or of a flouring mill, owned by Chas. Ash and Geo. W. Ash, said mill being situated in Bloomsburg township.

Jacob H. Adams, residence, Catawissa township, Hotel, situated in Catawissa township, and known as "Three Points Hotel."

Bartley Albertson, residence, Greenwood township, Hotel, situated in Bloomsburg, Greenwood township, known as the Bloomsburg Hotel.

James H. Bibby, residence, Catawissa township, Hotel, situated in Catawissa township, on public road leading from a private road to Ashland, and known as "Bibby's Hotel."

George Boyer, residence, Conyngham township, Hotel, situated in Conyngham township, on the west side of main public road, leading from Numidia to Jontana.

Peter E. Boyer, residence, Numidia, Hotel, situated in Numidia township, at the intersection of the road leading from Catawissa to Centerville, with the public road leading from Numidia to Jontana.

J. S. Bachman, residence, Bloomsburg, Wholesale, situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, on the north side of Second street.

Charles H. Brink, residence, Bloomsburg, Hotel, situated in Pine township, on the public road leading from Pine Summit to Muncy.

Wm. F. Crawford, residence, Madison township, Hotel, situated in Madison township, on the south side of public road, leading from Buckhorn to Muncy.

John Curry, residence, Centerville township, Restaurant, situated in Centerville township, on west side of Locust avenue.

Thomas Collins, residence, first ward, Centerville, Restaurant, situated in first ward, Borough of Centerville, on east side of Locust avenue.

John J. Cain, residence, first ward, Centerville, Hotel, situated in first ward, Borough of Centerville, on east side of Locust avenue and Park street, of said Borough.

Patrick Carey, residence, Conyngham township, Restaurant, situated at Dark Corner, Conyngham township, on public road leading from Centerville to Jontana.

H. F. Dietrich, residence, Bloomsburg, Hotel, situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, on the north side of Main street, known as the St. Elmo Hotel.

Michael Douse, residence, Centerville township, Restaurant, situated in second ward, Borough of Centerville, on the west side of Locust avenue.

David D. Dyke, residence, Centerville, Hotel, situated on Locust avenue, in the first ward of the Borough of Centerville.

Lemuel Drake, residence, Hemlock township, Hotel, situated in the village of Hemlock, in Hemlock township, on corner of Main street and road leading to Danville.

Harry Derr and Charles Conner, residence, Bloomsburg, Restaurant, situated on Main or Second street, Bloomsburg.

Calvin Derr, residence, Greenwood township, Hotel, situated in the Town of Jontana, in Greenwood township, on the south side of public road, leading from Muncy to Centerville.

Harvey Dietrich, residence, Centerville, Hotel, situated in the village of Centerville, in Centerville township, on the public road running from Bloomsburg to Jontana.

Geo. W. Esterline, residence, Bloomsburg, Restaurant, situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, on the northeast corner of Second street and Ridge alley.

A. H. Edgar, residence, Bloomsburg, and George B. Hunt, residence, Bloomsburg, trading as A. H. Edgar & Co. Distillery, adjoining the planning mill of F. H. Edgar, on the public road leading from Centerville to Centerville.

Susan Fairman, residence, Borough of Berwick, Hotel, situated in Berwick borough, on the north side of Canal street.

A. B. Fortner, residence, Centerville, Borough, Hotel, situated in Centerville borough, on the northwest corner of Locust avenue and Main street.

Matthew Forbes, residence, Jamison City, Restaurant, situated in Jamison City, Sugarloaf township, on the east side of Locust avenue.

J. R. Fowler, residence, Bloomsburg, Restaurant, situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, on the west side of Centre street.

William Graham, residence, Sugarloaf township, Hotel, situated in Jamison City, Sugarloaf township, in northwest division adjoining Market street, and known as Proctor Inn.

Frederick M. Gilmore, residence, Bloomsburg, Restaurant, situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, on the north side of Second street.

John W. Goldsborough, residence, Centerville, Hotel, situated in the first ward, Centerville borough, on the west side of Locust avenue.

Edward Giger, residence, Bloomsburg, Hotel, situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, on the northeast corner of East and Sixth streets.

Nyee J. Griffith, residence, Espy, Hotel, situated in Scott township, in village of Espy, on the northeast corner of Main and Market streets, and known as Espy hotel.

John Gross, residence, Bloomsburg, Restaurant, situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, on the south side of Second street.

of Front street, between Market and Mulberry streets.

John McDonnell, residence, Centerville borough, Restaurant, in second ward of the Borough of Centerville, on Railroad street.

Archibald McDonnell, residence, Centerville borough, Wholesale as an agent, situated in second ward, Centerville borough, on west side of Locust avenue.

Thomas Mohan, residence, Conyngham Twp. Restaurant, situated in Conyngham township, on the east side of public road leading from Centerville to Ashland.

Victor Marchalski, residence, Centerville borough, Restaurant, situated in second ward, Centerville borough, on the west side of Locust avenue.

Peter F. Omlor, residence, second ward, Centerville, Hotel, situated in second ward, Borough of Centerville, on the northeast corner of Locust avenue and Centre street.

Benjamin Pennypacker, residence, Mifflin township, Hotel, situated in Mifflin township, on the north side of Third street, in Mifflin township.

J. W. Perry, residence, Sugarloaf township, Hotel, situated on north side of public road leading from Centerville to Laport, on east side of Locust avenue, and known as the "Big Grove Hotel."

Peter E. Ricketts, residence, Conyngham township, Restaurant, situated in village of Centerville, in said township, on east side of Main street.

Dennis Rowan, residence, Conyngham township, Restaurant, situated in village of Centerville, in said township, on east side of Main street.

Daniel Roach, residence, Conyngham township, Hotel, situated in Conyngham township, on a public road leading from Centerville to Centerville.

Stephen B. Rhawn, residence, Catawissa borough, Restaurant, situated in Catawissa borough, on Main street.

A. C. Rooney Sr., residence, Centerville borough, Wholesale as an agent, situated in second ward, Centerville borough, on the east side of Locust avenue.

F. L. Ricketts, residence, Orange township, Hotel, situated in Orange township, on the east side of Main street.

S. D. Rimby, residence, Madison township, Hotel, situated in Madison township, on west side of public road leading to Mifflinville.

Andrew C. Rooney, residence, Centerville borough, Restaurant, situated in the second ward of the Borough of Centerville, on the east side of Locust avenue.

Oscar E. Sutton, residence, Benton, Hotel, situated in Borough of Benton, on the Main street, of said Borough and known as "Exchange Hotel."

Levi W. Sanger, residence, Conyngham township, Hotel, situated in Conyngham township, on west side of public road leading from Centerville to Numidia.

Edward Schenck, residence, Berwick, Restaurant, situated in the Borough of Berwick, on the south side of Front street, between Market and Mulberry streets.

Benjamin F. Spoonberger, residence, Berwick, Hotel, situated in the Borough of Berwick, on corner of Front and Market street.

Hiram A. Stauffer, residence, Orangeville, Hotel, situated in Orangeville, Orange township, on the west side of the public road leading from Bloomsburg to Benton.

J. F. Stauffer, residence, Berwick, Restaurant, situated in the Borough of Berwick, on the south side of Front street.

Charles A. Shuman, residence, Beaver Valley, Hotel, situated in Beaver township, known as Shuman's Hotel.

Hannah M. Stohrer, residence, Bloomsburg, Hotel, situated in the Town of Bloomsburg, on the south side of Second street, at a corner of said Second street and Miller's alley, and known as the Central Hotel.

Gehrad Snyder, residence, Bloomsburg, Hotel, situated in Town of Bloomsburg, on south side of Second street, known as the Exchange Hotel.

Andrew O. Strong, residence, Montour township, Hotel, situated in the village of Grovania, Montour township, on public road leading from Bloomsburg to Danville.

Jacob Steiner, residence, Central, Sugarloaf township, Hotel, situated in village of Central, Sugarloaf township.

Aaron Trexler, residence, Arlites, Pa. Hotel, situated in Conyngham township, on the east side of public road leading from Catawissa to Ashland.

William B. Taylor, residence, Bloomsburg, Hotel, situated in Town of Bloomsburg, bounded on the east by lot of Caleb Barton, south by Main street, on north and west by lot of N. J. Hendershott.

Adam Truelsen, residence, Catawissa borough, Restaurant, situated in Catawissa borough, on Main street.

Joseph M. Turner, residence, Orangeville, Hotel, situated in the village of Orangeville, in Orange township, on the northeast corner of Pine and Main streets, and known as the Orangeville Hotel.

J. H. Vansteele, residence, Sugarloaf township, Restaurant, situated in Sugarloaf township, on road leading from Centerville to Jamison City.

William Waterscheid, residence, Conyngham township, Hotel, situated in Locust township, in Conyngham township, on the right hand side of the public road leading from Ashland to Locust Gap.

Martin Walsh, residence, Centerville borough, Restaurant, situated in the second ward of the Borough of Centerville, on the east side of Locust avenue.

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Business and individual accounts respectfully solicited. Aug. 2, 1899.

ELECTION NOTICE.

A meeting of the stockholders of the Farmers National Bank of Bloomsburg, for the election of a board of directors for the ensuing year, will be held in the directors' room of the Bank, on the second Tuesday of January, A. D. 1900, between the hours of two and four o'clock P. M.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

IN RE ESTATE OF WILLIAM J. OLIVER, LATE OF JAMISON TOWNSHIP, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Cyrus Oliver Heller, late of Madison township, Columbia county, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrators, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to HARRIET HELLER, EDWARD HELLER, Administrators, Buckhorn, Pa. 12-28-9t

WILLIAM C. JOHNSTON,
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Just a Cough

Not worth paying attention to, you say. Perhaps you have had it for weeks. It's annoying because you have a constant desire to cough. It annoys you also because you remember that weak lungs is a family failing. At first it is a slight cough. At last it is a hemorrhage. At first it is easy to cure. At last, extremely difficult.

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For over half a century Ayer's Cherry Pectoral has been curing colds and coughs and preventing consumption. It cures Consumption also if taken in time.

Keep one of Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Plasters over your lungs if you cough.

Shall we send you a book on this subject, free?

Our Medical Department. If you have any complaint whatever and desire the best medical advice you can possibly obtain, write the doctor freely. You will receive a prompt reply, without cost. Address, Dr. J. C. Ayer, Lowell, Mass.

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For fifteen years experience. Satisfaction guaranteed. Best returns of any sale offers in this section of the State. Write for terms and dates. We are informed that Dr. W. T. Vance will move to Orangeville to take the practice of Dr. Stoddard, who is going, or has gone to Scranton, to practice.

The bread which received the first and second premiums at the Columbia county fair in 1898 and 1899 was baked from the Leader flour manufactured by Ikeler & Fleckenstine.

The Men's meeting next Sunday afternoon will be in the Y. M. C. A. building on Market Square and will be a Moody Memorial Service. Special singing by the Male Choir. All men are most cordially invited.

"Summer Time in Dixie" is the latest in the popular song line. It is the work of Miss Hattie Nevada, whose songs never fail to meet with public approval. It is published by the Kansas City Talking Machine Co., of Kansas City, Mo., and can be had of them for 25c.

Elmer E. Person, well known in Bloomsburg, who has been news editor of the Williamsport *Grit* for the past nine years, has accepted the city editorship of the Williamsport *Sun*. Mr. Person will enter upon his new duties next week. He adopted the printing business as his profession for life and learned the trade in the COLUMBIAN office about fifteen years ago. We wish him success in his new position.

The New Year was ushered in by the shooting of fire crackers and guns, the ringing of church bells, blowing whistles and other noise producing contrivances. The day was observed by the banks and postoffice, while some of our merchants locked their doors and took inventory. Many visitors were in town, and many home circles were completed by the presence of members who came to spend the day with their parents.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Proverb Calendar for 1900 is one of the prettiest we have seen. It is borne in front of two little girls, whose fresh, sweet faces and dainty robes of blue and pink form a pleasing picture upon which to look during the coming year. The calendar is printed from large, plain type and gives valuable information. The calendar is made to stand alone or it can be suspended from the wall. Everyone will want Hood's Calendar and you should ask your druggist for it at once. You can obtain one, if more convenient, by sending 6 cents in stamps to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

Fourteen different styles of necktie and handkerchief boxes at Mercer's Drug and Book Store.

Never in the history of North Carolina have so many charters for cotton mills been taken out as in 1899, nor so much capital invested in such enterprises.

Death claimed Isaac Boone, a well-known resident of Orange township, Saturday afternoon. He was bowed down by weight of years, having been born in 1816.

Only a few years ago, the creamery was almost an unknown quantity as an industry. At the present time there are over 9000 of these butter factories in this state alone, which is about one-fifth of the whole number in the United States.

The wedding of Miss Annie Owen, daughter of the late and well-known Hudson Owen, to Mr. Ellis Thrush, of Philadelphia, which occurred at Berwick on Monday last, has robbed that town of one of its most potent social factors. It was a private affair, owing to death in the groom's family. Invitations which had been issued and sent out were recalled.

The Shickshinny *Echo* tells of a young man in a neighboring hamlet, who very carelessly wrote at the same time, a letter to his best girl, and one to a shirt factory. The best girl got a request to "send samples of stuff of which your shirts are made," and the shirt factory got an invitation to go buggy riding. His feelings can be more easily imagined than described.

The *Farm Journal* is the boiled-down, hit-the-nail-on-the-head paper, cut to fit the farmer and villager who knows what's what. The *Farm Journal* for 5 years (all of 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903 and 1904) and the COLUMBIAN one year, will both be sent to every new subscriber to our paper, and to every old subscriber who pays \$1.00. Walk right up to the captain's office.

"Jimmy" Delaney, a former Williamsport Demorest player, is a pitcher on the all-American Baseball Club, which will leave New Orleans in a few days for Havana. Jimmy was considered to be one of Pennsylvania's best amateur twirlers two years ago, but he had no terrors for Bloomsburg. Our boys always found him quite easy. The club is scheduled to remain about two months in Uncle Sam's new possessions.

J. C. Coon, a well known Wilkes-Barre newspaper man, died at the Danville Hospital last week, of some affection of the brain, aged 80 years. He was the founder of the *Scranton Free Press*, the first Sunday paper published in the state outside of Philadelphia. He also established the Wilkes-Barre *Daily and Sunday News*. In 1889 he went to Florida. Returning north he purchased the *Nanticoke Daily News* and was conducting that paper when he was stricken.

Mrs. Mary J. Oman, who formerly lived near Light Street, this county, died at her home at Wilkes-Barre, on Friday, at the age of sixty years. The father of the deceased was the late Jesse Shannon. Mrs. Evert, mother of W. A. Evert Esq., of this town, is also a sister. A husband and five children survive. They are as follows: Lieut. J. W. Oman, of the U. S. Navy, Clara Letcher of Wilkes-Barre, Joshua, of Atlantic City, Charles M., of Philadelphia, and Mary, who has been living at home.

Over-Work Weakens Your Kidneys.

Unhealthy Kidneys Make Impure Blood.

All the blood in your body passes through your kidneys once every three minutes.

The kidneys are your blood purifiers, they filter out the waste or impurities in the blood. If they are sick or out of order, they fail to do their work. Pains, aches and rheumatism come from excess of uric acid in the blood, due to neglected kidney trouble.

Kidney trouble causes quick or unsteady heart beats, and makes one feel as though they had heart trouble, because the heart is over-working in pumping thick, kidney-poisoned blood through veins and arteries. It used to be considered that only urinary troubles were to be traced to the kidneys, but now modern science proves that nearly all constitutional diseases have their beginning in kidney trouble.

If you are sick you can make no mistake by first doctoring your kidneys. The mild and extraordinary effect of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases and is sold on its merits by all druggists in fifty-cent and one-dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail. Home of Swamp-Root, free, also pamphlet telling you how to find out if you have kidney or bladder trouble. Mention this paper when writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y.

Ira Hutchins and Miss Mary Chromis, two young people of this town, joined hands for life at the residence of the bride's parents, on Eighth street, Saturday evening. Both were employees of the Bloomsburg Silk Mill.

We are inclined to have a little faith in the old proverb that "when the days begin to lengthen the cold begins to strengthen." The weather nearly all of last week was quite cold, and on Sunday it was so cold that the streets were deserted all day. The time for genuine winter weather has arrived.

Some three months since, Charlie Wockley left for Rochester, starting for Turbotville, from there he expected to come to his brother Henry's, at this place; but nothing has been heard of him since. It appears he never reached Turbotville, and no trace of him can be found anywhere.—*Milleville Tablet*.

Peter Maher could not stand "Kid" McCoy's terrible onslaught Monday afternoon, and as a result was forced to taste defeat for the fifth time since he landed in America, with the title of champion of Ireland. Peter was the favorite with the wagers, but it proved to be misplaced confidence. He had the advantage of his opponent in weight, but he was slower than time, and as awkward as a mule. It only lasted five rounds, during which time Maher was floored three times.

COURT PROCEEDINGS.

A session of court was held yesterday, convening in the morning at 9:30. Hon. Robt. R. Little presided.

Est. of Chas. Klingaman. Exceptions to auditor's report. Order of court filed. Exceptions overruled and report confirmed absolutely.

Creasy & Wells vs. Wm. Berninger. Rule to open judgment. Rule discharged.

In re habitual drunkenness of Francis P. Drinker. Petition for allowance. Application denied. Exceptions to inquisitions. Rule granted to show cause why inquisition and proceedings shall not be set aside.

Application for rule on Commissioner to send up complete record. Application denied.

Jane B. Case, admx. vs. Chas. Walker, et al. Rule to show cause why judgment should not be declared void, &c. Argument. Papers in hands of court.

Est. of Wm. A. Kile. Order of sale granted. Bond approved. Catharine Frey vs. the S. H. & W. R. R. Co., et al. Rule for new trial. Rule discharged.

W. L. Ritter vs. James H. Benscoter. Mechanic's lien. Motion to strike off. Argument. Papers in hands of court.

J. C. Brown, C. C. Peacock and W. S. Moyer, exrs. vs. Mary J. Pursel. Sci. Fi. Sur. Mortgage. Judgment for want of appearance.

ESPY.

The Odd Fellows are making preparations for a grand supper and smoker, to be held in their hall this Friday evening. Many of their out of town brethren have been invited to be with them.

Mrs. George Ziegler and little son, of Oklahoma, who many years ago resided in Espy, is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Mary Milnes has resumed her teaching near Buckhorn. Her school was closed for a brief period on account of the supposed spotted fever cases in that locality.

E. M. Creveling, who for some time past has been employed at the Berwick Store Co., has resigned there, to accept a more lucrative position in Wilkes-Barre.

The New Year's dinner held by the Lutherans last Monday, was unusually well patronized.

W. B. Savage and Chas. Greenwalt, who have employment at Hoboken, N. J., spent the holidays in town with their families.

The following letters are held at the Bloomsburg, Pa., postoffice, and will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 16, 1900. Persons calling for these letters will please say "that they were advertised January 4, 1900":

Mrs. M. J. Brewster, Mrs. Nellie Engle, Mrs. Sadie Moist, Jan Podolski, Miss Ada E. Steiner (2), Mr. Edward Shoemaker, William Weidner.

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THE PENALTY PAID.

Edward Crossinger Dies on the Gallows for the Murder of Daisy Smith.

The law has taken its course, and Edward Crossinger, who so cruelly took the life of sixteen year old Daisy Smith, on her father's farm in lower Augusta township, Northumberland county, October 10th, 1898, has paid the price of his crime.

The convicted murderer was led from his cell to the scaffold in the Sunbury jail yesterday at 10:24 o'clock in the forenoon. His steps, we are informed by Sheriff Black, who witnessed the execution, were firm and steady, and his cheeks rosy. After the straps had been arranged about his knees and ankles, he was given an opportunity to speak. He said: "I'll say good bye; I wish you fellows good luck. I am guilty of what I did and I hope to be forgiven, but I was not the only one in the crowd. Take good care of yourselves, fellows, that's all." Dr. Stoner adjusted the rope, the black cap was put on his head and he called out "Goodbye, you fellows!"

His voice was firm, but he spoke in a hesitating manner. The last word had just left his mouth when the trap was sprung and his body shot downward, a distance of five feet.

After being pronounced dead by the physicians, the body was taken in charge by the father.

WANTED—SEVERAL PERSONS FOR District Office Managers in this State to represent me in their own and surrounding counties. Willing to pay yearly \$600, payable weekly. Desirable employment with unusual opportunities. References exchanged. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. S. A. Park, 320 Canton Building, Chicago.

A Mistaken Choice.

The young men of to-day are most of them reluctant to adopt any pursuit that involves manual labor. Their impulse is to push into the already over crowded sedentary employments in our cities. Thousands of them do not realize their anticipation, and live meagre, discontented, unpromising lives. It is a mistaken choice. The hope is that the multitude of these failures will ultimately bring about a readjustment of the popular conception of country and city business life. Meanwhile education will be extended and specialized. Its imperative that educational methods should adjust themselves to the needs of the times. There is a movement to establish agricultural classes in the public schools. If the movement is successful, a large number of the boys of the next generation will be taught that intelligent farming is one of the most reliable pursuits to which thought and enterprise and industry can be given.

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The hypophosphites that are combined with the cod-liver oil give additional value to it because they tone up the nervous system and impart strength to the whole body.

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ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the members of the Columbia County Agricultural, Horticultural and Mechanical Association, for the election of officers, will be held in the Court House, Bloomsburg, Pa., on Saturday, January 6, 1900, at two o'clock p. m.

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A Woman

Who knows how many cents, nickels, dimes, quarters and halves it takes to make a dollar, is the woman who patronizes our store.

The beginning of the New Year. We came to it with increasing business. We shall enter it with increased determination and renewed vigor, to outdo all former efforts. The way we expect to do that—sell as good goods as others at less prices, or better goods than others at the same prices. Watch us.

Thursday, Jan. 4, Friday, January 5, 1900.

Unbleached Canton Flannel, regular 64c goods, 44c yd. Fancy Flannelette, regular 15c goods, 9c yard. Fancy Silkline, regular 124c goods, 84c yd. Coisets, in all sizes, regular 39c goods, 24c. Dressing Sacque, regular 69c goods, 54c. Boys' Windsor Ties, regular 25c goods, 18c. Fancy Pillow Cords, regular 124c goods, 84c yard. Striped and Figured Percale, regular 25c goods, 16c yard.

Jan. 6, SATURDAY, Jan. 6, 1900.

Children's Jackets, regular \$3.95 and \$4.50 goods, \$2.89 Ladies' " " \$10.00 " \$12.00 " \$6.95 Cloth for Heavy Capes, regular \$2.00 goods, \$1.00 per yd. Handkerchiefs, regular 124c goods, three for 25c.

Monday, Jan. 8, Tuesday, Jan. 9, 1900.

Dress Braids, silk and jet, 10c goods, 64c yd. Desert dishes, decorated China, 94c goods, 64c each. Toilet soap at half price—1c per cake. Embroideries, in different widths, 8c goods, 54c yd. Plain dress goods, regular 50c goods, 33c. Fancy silks, per waist, regular \$1.00 goods, 72c. Lace curtains, regular \$1.45 goods, \$1.09 per pair. Ladies' ribbed shirts and drawers, regular 19c goods, 124c each.

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CABUYAO CAPTURED.

Americans Begin a General Southern Advance.

LARGE HAUL OF PRISONERS AND GUNS

Documents Seized in Manila Involve a Thousand Filipinos in the Intended Rising—Wife and Sisters of Aguinaldo in Custody.

MANILA, Jan. 2.—The first movement of a general southern advance occurred yesterday morning, when two battalions of the Thirty-ninth infantry landed and occupied Cabuyao, on the south side of Laguna de Bay. Two Americans were killed, and four were wounded. Twenty-four of the enemy's dead were found in one house. One hundred and fifty prisoners and four 6 pounder rapid fire guns were captured. Three Filipino officers also surrendered to Major March and two American and two Spanish prisoners.

The gunboat Laguna de Bay bombarded the town before the disembarkation of the troops from the cascos, which was made under the enemy's shrapnel fire. The enemy evacuated the place before the charging Americans, retreating to Santa Rosa, to which town they were pursued. Heavy fighting occurred along the road to Santa Rosa, which was occupied by the insurgents retreating south toward Silang. The Americans burned the country between and around Cabuyao.

The gunboat returned to Calamba for reinforcements and thence came to Manila to fetch ammunition. She recently captured two of the enemy's steam launches, one under the fire of artillery at Calamba, and also four cascos loaded with rice.

Other regiments are mobilizing at San Pedro Macati and Pasig preparatory to continuing the southern advance.

Sunday's capture of bombs involved the seizure of documents incriminating 1,000 Filipinos who intended to rise against the Americans. Papers were also found showing a distribution of the city into districts and a careful assignment of leaders and followers. The preparations taken by the Americans on Saturday, it is now evident, alone prevented an uprising.

The provost marshal has requested two more regiments to be detailed for the protection of Manila. Three thousand troops are now actually in the city.

Aguinaldo's wife, sisters and 18 Filipinoes have surrendered to Major March's battalion of the Thirty-third infantry at Bontoc, province of that name.

It was announced from Manila Dec. 23 that Colonel Wilder some time previous to Dec. 15 or perhaps that day had telegraphed to Vigan from Bayombong that Aguinaldo, with a number of Igorot litter bearers, had crossed the mountains near Bayombong, going southward, and that his wife had died in a village in that vicinity. It was added that she had been unwell since the birth of their son and that the hardships of their flight proved fatal.

A naval officer who has arrived here from Guam brings a proclamation issued by Captain Leary, naval governor of that island, decreeing the absolute prohibition and total abolition of slavery, or peonage, the order taking effect Feb. 22. The prologue of the proclamation declares that the Spanish system of peonage, amounting to slavery, is a menace to the popular liberty and a violation of the privileges guaranteed by the American constitution.

Captain Leary also deported all the Spanish priests for reasons which were sufficient for him.

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RULE ON HEIRS.

ESTATE OF LAWSON HUGHES, DECEASED.

To Wellington Hughes of Cambria, Luzerne county, Pa.; His uncle Lewis Lee, of Nanticoke, Columbia county, Pa.; Ellen Hughes, Clara Hughes, Hattie Hughes, Ida Hughes and John Hughes, of Mill Grove, Columbia county, Pa.; Clinton Hughes, of Watsonstown, Northumberland county, Pa.; Oliver Hughes, of Otisville, Kansas; John B. Hughes, of Dawson County, Nebraska; Sophia Arthur and Calvin Arthur, of Cozad, Dawson County, Nebraska; lineal descendants of said Lawson Hughes, deceased, and to all other persons interested. Greeting: You and each of you are hereby cited to be and appear before the Judges of our Orphans' Court, to be held at Bloomsburg on the first Monday of February, 1900, next, at 3 o'clock p. m., there and there to accept or refuse to take the real estate of said Lawson Hughes, deceased, at the appraised valuation put upon it by the last will, duly warranted by the said Court, and returned by the Commissioners, or show cause why it shall not be sold. And henceforth let it be.

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